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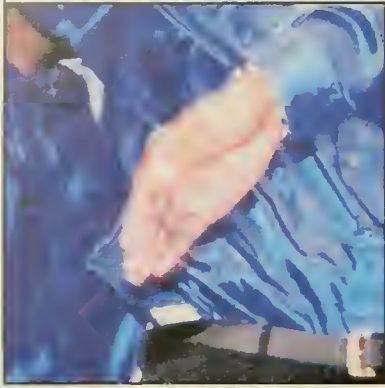
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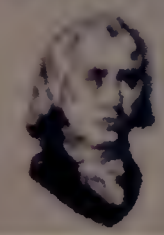
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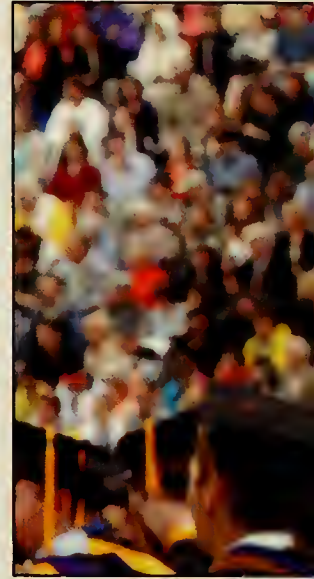
Graduation 2003 | it can rain but they will shine |

Nicole Maier

Graduation marks a day of achievement and signifies the point when students step out into a world of opportunity, only this time they should have brought their umbrellas. On May 10 threats of severe thunderstorms hung in the air during the main commencement ceremony held in Bridgeforth Stadium. The rain held off through former U.S. Senator George Mitchell's address to the class of 2003 and awarding of degrees. Yet, the storm would not wait for long.

It was when the colleges began their separate ceremonies, where students were to be recognized individually, that campus police informed them of a change in plans. Due to severe rain and lightning in the area, all outdoor ceremonies were cancelled. The College of Arts and Letters, College of Education and College of Integrated Science and Technology were forced to postpone. "This was done in the best interest of the safety of all in attendance," said Dr. Arthur Benson, dean of integrated science and technology. Both the College of Business and the College of Science and Mathematics were able to continue their indoor ceremonies.

Huddled under umbrellas, the College of Education attempts to stay dry during the rainy graduation. The diploma ceremonies were divided by school and unfortunately not all of the ceremonies could be held inside. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



The RAIN, *lightning* & cancellations made this graduation *hard to forget.*

The cancelled ceremonies were soon rescheduled for June 7, in the Convocation Center. “Rescheduling of the ceremony was initiated out of the President’s office at his request. He was responding to the many correspondences relating disappointment at not being able to complete the ceremony,” said Benson. According to an article posted by University Communications on the University website, President Rose said that this date was best in terms of the availability of campus facilities and area hotels. At the ceremony Rose and others made brief statements to the audience. Then the graduates were given the chance to walk across the stage and shake the hands of President Rose and the dean of his or her college.

The chance for a student to be acknowledged in front of friends and family was significant to many. “I feel that graduating students feel it is important to receive individual recognition during the graduation ceremony. This can only be achieved at subgroups at least as small as, if not smaller, than the college unit,” said Benson.

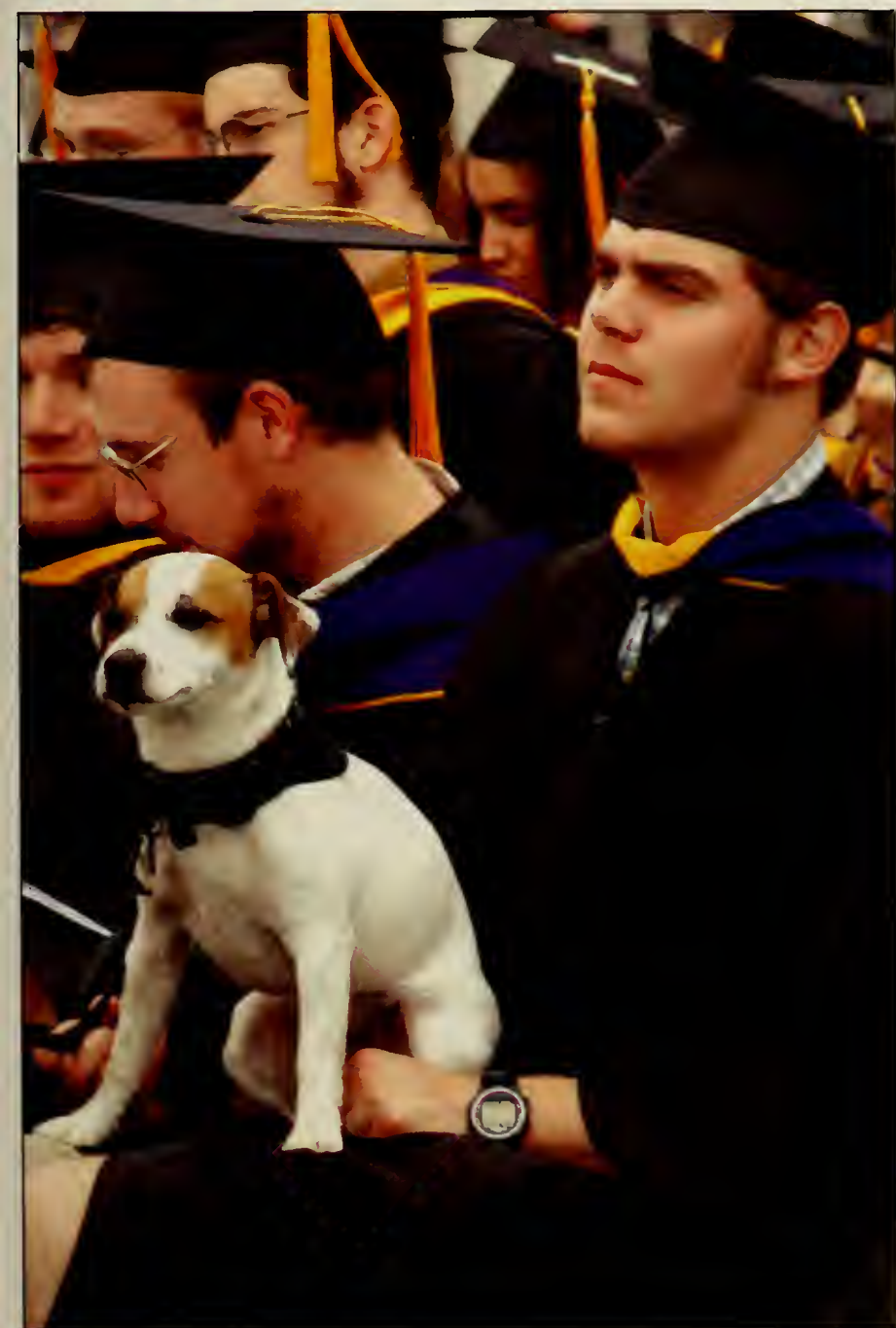
Recent graduate and former international affairs major, Jose Gonzalez, was one of the lucky students to be able to walk before his ceremony was called to a close. “I think it is very important for students to walk. After all, it is the most important part of the ceremony. Many students, myself included, had friends and family travel great distances for graduation, and many were upset to not see their graduate walk,” he said.

Gonzalez suggested that the administration should have had an alternative plan for the original graduation day instead of rescheduling the event. “It would have been better to have scheduled the different graduation ceremonies throughout the day at the Convocation Center so that everyone would have a chance to walk,” said Gonzalez. “I know of other schools that do their graduation all throughout the same day with different ceremonies at different times so that they are all indoors and avoid any weather problems,” he added.

Graduation was considered an important milestone in many of the graduates’ lives. “It marks the end of one academic experience. But, more importantly commencement points to the future and new opportunities and challenges. It is not an ending but is better thought of as a new beginning,” said Dr. Richard Whitman, dean of College of Arts and Letters.

Dianna Schwartz, a recent graduate and history major had her own comment about graduation. “It’s like a double-edged sword, it’s the end of something incredible, more amazing than you ever thought four years of your life could be, but its also the beginning of new lives, ones that you know will be great because of what JMU has instilled in all of us.”

Graduation was a day that most students will remember for years to come. As Benson said, “closing of the outside college ceremonies made it noteworthy.” The rain, lightning and cancellations made this graduation hard to forget.



Rising up from his fellow graduates, senior Matt Carasella photographs the main commencement. Held in Bridgeforth Stadium, the rain only began during the presentation of diplomas.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Listening intently to the commencement speaker, one senior is joined by his dog. George Mitchell, former U.S. senator, who spoke on the contributions of James Madison and the importance of American freedoms.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Showing off senior pride, the tops of the caps for graduating seniors served as a fun spot for decoration. Graduating years and shout outs to friends and family were commonly seen on the caps.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Campus

Nicole Maier

Changing
for the better

| the new and improved JMU |



Under construction daily, the new physics and chemistry building is expected to be completed in 2005. Due to the increased participation in the sciences, the site behind ISAT was allotted as an addition to the previous science building, Miller Hall, located on the Quad.

[Photo by Nathaniel Clarkson]

Returning students arrived on campus this year to find things not as they had left them. Many new changes occurred over the summer, from dining services to new buildings and additions on campus.

Sundial Secrets

The placement of a sundial adjacent to Keezell Hall had been a mystery to many students. According to Fred Hilton, director of university communications, the construction of the sundial was sponsored by the campus secret society known as "IN8." How to actually use the dial was not quite clear to many students. In order to have the dial read accurate time, a person needs to stand on the correct position on the metal bar in middle of the sundial. The letters on the bar represent the months of the year with each month being marked by the letter it begins with. The bottom "J" of the bar represented January. The months go all the way up the bar to July before coming back down to December. To determine where to stand on the bar depends on what day of the month it is. If it was November 15, then the person would stand halfway between the "N" and the "D." The shadow cast by the

person will represent the correct Eastern Standard Time. Due to daylight savings time, an hour must be added in the spring.

Dinning Do-Overs

With the opening of the College Center two years ago came both opportunity and space for Mrs. Greens. Originally Mrs. Greens existed as a dining hall and catering service by day and a banquet hall by night. When the banquet room was needed, all the long tables had to be folded up and put away only to be taken out again for the next day. The College Center soon became home for both the catering and banquet services, leaving Greens to manage just their lunch crowd. According to Operations Director of Dining Services Stephanie Hoshow, it was recognized from comments made by customers and the Student Government Association that more seating was needed. "We base all our decisions in dining services on student comments and feedback," said Hoshow. The preparation kitchen was moved into areas that were originally used for storage and Greens was expanded. The folding tables with vinyl tablecloths were replaced with smaller tables accompanied by

changes on campus

stylish chairs. New food options also arrived with the other changes made to Greens. Fresh baked bread was added to the wrap section and more dessert options were available.

Lakeside Express

Lakeside Express also took advantage of the extra space in Chandler Hall. In past years a curtain dividing Lakeside and Greens would be closed during the day to allow more seating during Mrs. Greens' serving hours. The expansion of Greens allowed Lakeside to keep this seating area permanently opened. Lakeside also received its own updated look. A new service counter was installed along with the addition of two new television sets and new tables. Lakeside increased its drink selection and started to offer bottled water as well as adding a few new menu options.

PC Dukes

PC Dukes did some renovations of its own. Hoshow said that many changes in Dukes were made due to comments received about how overcrowded it had been during lunchtime. The large beverage island was taken out of the center of the serving area and drink fountains were placed on the sides instead. "It flows better and people can be served more quickly," said Hoshow.

A new deli named *Pastramis* was added in response to customer's wishes to have more diversified delis around campus. The new deli offered a selection of hot sandwiches along with their usual cold style ones. Also, two new "Grab and Go Coolers" with pre-made meals were added by the registers. The coolers allowed Dukes to add more salad

and dessert options. Many changes were made to supply, folks [with] a large variety and to give more healthy options," said Hoshow.

Marking History

The Madison Historians have made their mark. The group, along with the help of the Madison Center located in Wilson Hall, developed the plan to put up two historical signs. The Historians first met with Philip Bigler, an administrator in the James Madison Center to come up with project ideas. "His job is to bring Madison to James Madison University," said Kehl Mandt, recent alum and former president of the historians. "He gave us the idea of making the roadside marker because so many other schools have one," said Mandt.

After many months of hard work, the signs which were funded by JMC and went in the ground in late August. The signs were put in across from the university entrances on Main Street and Port Republic Road. Each sign reads the following:

"The university was founded in 1908, through efforts of the senator George B. Keezell, of Rockingham County, as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Harrisonburg. In 1924 it became the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg, before it was renamed Madison College in 1938 to honor James Madison, the Father of the Constitution and fourth president of the United States. The school admitted men to regular sessions in 1946 and became fully coeducational in 1966. In 1977 the college was renamed James Madison University and has become a nationally recognized comprehensive public institution."

Red Light, Green Light

The new traffic light got the go ahead this year when the university and the Virginia Department of Transportation agreed that it was needed at the intersection of Bluestone Drive and Carrier Drive. Installation of the light began on June 2 and was up and going by June 25. It was put in to, "better manage pedestrian and vehicular traffic on campus," said Fred Hilton. The light helped allow traffic to turn onto Bluestone Drive where previously vehicles were forced to wait for a break in traffic. "It helps us get the buses out of here," said Harrisonburg Transit bus driver Dwayne Strother. In the past, "traffic would not stop to let us out." Strother was happy to have the new addition on campus. "They should have put it up there a long time ago," he said.

URLC

The University Recreation Center did some shaping up of their own. With their addition of on-line registration for group fitness classes launched in August, students and faculty could sign up for classes starting 24 hours ahead of time up until 45 minutes before the class began. Walk-in registrations could be made from 45 minutes until 15 minutes before the classes started. In previous years, participants would have to arrive early to wait in line to register for one of the 70 group fitness classes offered a week. Brooke Thompson, Coordinator of Marketing for UREC believed that a lot of students and faculty were turned off to taking classes because they were not conducive to their schedules. Thompson said that by eliminating all the waiting time they would be able to reach a larger variety of the population.



Representing almost a \$10 million donation, the new athletic center is being built adjacent to the Bridgeforth Football Stadium. The Robert and Frances Plecker Athletics Performance Center will provide new weight rooms, lockers, sports medicine facilities and other benefits in 2005. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

UREC did not stress about making yoga classes free for the first time. In the past few years each yoga session cost about \$5. "Since this form of Group Fitness is highly 'training specific' we really needed our instructors to go through intense training, certifications and continuing education," said Jill Zagora, coordinator of group fitness at the center. The cost of training made it necessary to charge for the class. This year Zagora said she was able to train the rest of the Group Fitness staff in yoga. Since the training could be done in-house it eliminated the need to charge for the class.

Also, an addition of speed bags was added on the third floor by the track. Due to the growth in the number of fitness classes, many of the studios that contained speed bags were constantly in use. The new bags allowed participants to use them whenever the center was open. "UREC's mission is to promote healthy lifestyles to all participants," said Thompson. "Making changes allow us to reach more participants."

Chemistry and Physics Building

Construction was hard to miss behind the ISAT buildings. The skeletal structure of a building that was there for the earlier part of the year was the beginning of the new chemistry and physics building. The three-story structure was the future location of laboratories, classrooms, faculty offices and academic support areas. Miller Hall was the current home to the two departments. The departments have grown considerably said Thomas Gallaher, an analytical chemist in the department of chemistry. "We're packed in here like a bunch of sardines," said Gallaher. "The new building will allow for expansion. This new facility will enable the departments of chemistry and physics to continue to provide excellent resources for students and faculty to pursue educational and research activities." The final projected cost of the project was \$25.5 million.

Athletic Developments

The record for the largest amount of private donations ever made for a University project was set this year. The \$7 million in donations helped

to support the \$9.8 million construction of the campus' performance center. The name Robert and Frances Plecker Athletics Performance Center will be given to honor the Plecker family, who had been longtime contributors to the university's athletic program. According to a University Communications report, the center will be home to new weight training areas, new football locker rooms, a sports-medicine complex, meeting rooms, coaches' offices and an academic support area for student-athletes. Challace McMillin, the university's first football coach and a current professor of kinesiology has the honor of having the center's academic complex named after him. The project was estimated to be completed in 2005.



Stopped at the new light, cars brake at the intersection of Bluestone and Carrier Drive. The installation occurred during the summer and was intended to help buses exiting the Godwin bus stop.

[Photo by Clare Burchard]



Attempting to correctly read the sundial, junior Ali Johnston uses the directions printed in *The Breeze* to read the time. Located next to Keezeil Hall, the sundial represents an ancient tradition in hopes that students will appreciate how far technology has come.

[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]




MACROCK

| taking the stage for a weekend of rock music |

Julie Zavacky

Performing to a packed Godwin Gym crowd, Converge pounds out their set. The last band in the line-up, Converge played into the morning hours.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]





MACRoCk is a vital part of the community of Harrisonburg and a vital part of the independent community in general. It brings people together for a weekend of music and there is just a feel of community in the air the entire weekend.

*Interview with Mark Robinson,
Co-Executive Director*



Main Street Bar and Grill hosts the 14 piece jam-band Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra. Performance venues were on campus and in the city of Harrisonburg.
Photo by Morgan Riehl

Last spring, students were treated to a sudden myriad of people in ripped jeans, 80s style t-shirts, and studded armbands, cruising campus like they owned the place. But this wasn't just a peaceful takeover. It was Harrisonburg's own MACRoCk, the Mid-Atlantic College Radio Conference that the student run radio station, WXJM, helped produce each year.

The culmination of a year's worth of hard work and intense planning got crammed into the two-day, jam-packed music conference. Not only did over 100 bands play from various genres and backgrounds, but MACRoCk also hosted numerous panels and speakers designed to get people more interested and involved in the independent music scene. Senior Matt Schnable, director of the conference, said, "MACRoCk is a vital part of the community of Harrisonburg and a vital part of the independent community in general. It brings people together for a weekend of music and there really is just a feel of community in the air the entire weekend."

WXJM booked over 100 bands for the event, ranging in styles from hip-hop to indie rock. Junior Jess Woodward said that the goal was to bring in "all the independent music that other radio stations ignore." As coordinator of the Label Expo, Woodward brought in about 50 labels and distribution companies for the conference. The kicker was that no major label performers were allowed to play at MACRoCk and no corporate sponsors were permitted to donate money. Only independent businesses were given the opportunity. The idea was to give these independent groups a little more coverage "exposing kids to new music in different genres as well as supporting do-it-yourself ventures," Woodward explained.

However, MACRoCk was a lot more than just a music conference. The numerous speakers and panels touched upon subjects such as media democracy, record labels, booking and promoting, nonprofit shows, benefits, promotions and band merchandise. The entire event was designed to educate students and performers alike about the in's and out's of the music industry.

Schnable said that being a part of MACRoCk was "a good way to feel connected to Harrisonburg and to music in general. There [was] constant contact with people outside of the JMU campus through sponsorship donations from businesses, t-shirt productions, venues, etc."

Each band that participated in the conference became part of various showcases held around town for the event. Off-campus venues included Artful Dodger, Dave's Taverna, Court Square Theatre, Little Grill, Elks Lodge and Main Street Bar and Grill. On campus, shows were held in PC ballroom, Godwin Hall and the College Center Grand Ballroom. Official MACRoCk universal badges were a handy and convenient option for those deeply interested in the conference, allowing the attendees to buy one for the weekend. No matter where the concerts were located, simple tickets as well as the universal badges, were accepted.

Students were definitely not lacking any options during the music fest. Antibalas Afrobeat contributed to the world showcase. Hip-Hop options included Mr. Lif, Illuminence and Renezance. Those with a more hardcore metal sound involved Dillinger Escape Plan, and Converge. Other bands performing were Q and Not U, Hopes Fall, The Thermals, Need New Body and Kid 606. The main headliner for the weekend was singer/songwriter Wesley Willis. After seeing his performance that weekend, Junior Zach Livingston said, "the presence of MACRoCk exposes the community to something other than the cookie-cutter fashion and music that JMU students eat for breakfast every day. It reminds

"The goal was to bring in all the independent music that other radio stations ignore."

-Junior Jess Woodward

people that there is life outside of this campus and [the show] was a reflection of how awesome MACRoCk directors are for getting all sorts of weird talent together."

Adding to this, Woodward commented, "MACRoCk isn't just for kids who listen to music you've never heard of. A lot of the bands that are really big right now have played MACRoCk in past years, including Dashboard Confessional, Saves The Day, Thursday, and others. It's an experience that can expose everyone to great new stuff."

Yet with all this diversity in the music scene, programmers find it very difficult to attract many students to the showcases. Schnable expanded upon this after observing last spring's conference. He said, "Something that is always a constant problem is the lack of involvement and turnout of the majority of the students at JMU. This is such a unique conference that it is a shame to go to this school and not check it out. There are so many genres of music offered at the conference that it just doesn't seem right not to be curious and [listen] to some new music."

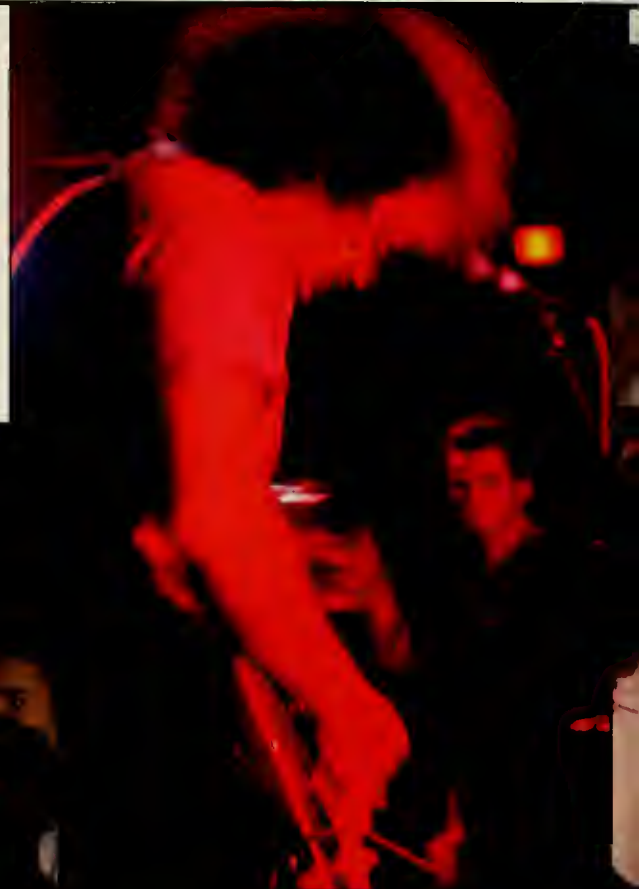
Livingston agreed with this, commenting on university students' lack of interest. He encouraged, "if you have a bit of cash, go and see a show, or get a badge and see a bunch. Or volunteer to help out.

All of the programming and planning that went into the conference was volunteer and those that did become involved came away from MACRoCk with a very unique and rewarding experience. "The people in charge put a crazy amount of time and effort into making it all work," said Woodward. "There are a lot of things that can go wrong and a lot of them do, but somehow we always pull it all off and put on a great show." Volunteers and everyone involved with the MACRoCk committee went without much sleep during the conference, often getting less than two hours a night. However, Schnable said that in the end, "all that work that we put into it was so worth it and made us very thankful for what we had accomplished. Last year we had such a great response from the community. All of the shows were amazing and so many bands just played better than we could have ever expected." The shows definitely went on and the conference as a whole was quite a success. Woodward concluded, "MACRoCk is a great way to become involved with the awesome bunch of people that work at WXJM and put on something that is really amazing."

Headbashing along with the crowd, The Thermals guitarist plays a solo. The Thermals were among 100 featured artists [*Photo Morgan Riehl*]

Closing out the night, Mr. Lif with Akrobatik and DJ Fakts perform in PC Ballroom. Groups at MACRoCk ranged from rap to jazz. [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]

Holding out the microphone, Give up the Ghost singer Wes Eisold includes his fans in his performance. Despite the popularity of the music, there were also speakers and information sessions included during MACRoCk [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]





Taking a dive, lead singer of Hopes Fall plunges into the crowd at Godwin Gym. The concerts were spread throughout the various auditoriums on campus and downtown Harrisonburg. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Energizing the crowd, Duke Amayo of Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra leads the band during their performance at MACRoCk. MACRoCk lasted for two days. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Angry Atom gets energized as they sing to a crowd at the College Center ballroom. Numerous bands who has performed at MACRoCk went on to become famous musicians. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



[sorority and fraternity LIFE]

GREEK week

kristin short and kari deputy



The cheerleaders performed their routine at the homecoming pep assembly. The cheerleaders are a mix of students from all over the school. They are all very talented and hardworking. They are also very friendly and fun to be around. They are a great addition to the school and we are proud to have them.

Dues: \$300. Chapter pin: \$85. Letters: \$20. A week of brotherhood and sisterhood: Priceless. Greek Week was about celebrating “the growth of the Fraternity/Sorority community through service, character and leadership.”

Fraternities and sororities spent the week getting to know fellow Greeks and strengthening their relationships through games, competition and community service. “Greek Week was seriously one of the best weeks of my life,” said sophomore Melissa Peters. “It was a great opportunity to get closer to my sisters; all the activities unified us as a group.” Junior Jillian Macey said, “It’s Homecoming in the spring and the spirit permeates the air of JMU.”

The Greek Week Core Committee organized the event. Each chapter delegated a member to the committee. Macey was the student director and oversaw the GWCC. Each member of the committee was in charge of an event during the weeklong celebration. Andrea Innes and Kit Collins were part of Special Events and Community Service. Rebekah Sherman ran Greek Sing and publicity was overseen Evan Winokur.

The week began on Sunday, April 6 and ended April 10. The five-day festival was a competition in which all the organizations competed to win points at each of the events. At every event, chapters were ranked first through third place according to the amount of points they were awarded. Sunday kicked off the week as a service day with Friends of Blacksrun Green Way and a clean up of parks in Harrisonburg.

Tuesday was Cook-Off day in the front of Festival with grilled entrees and desserts. That evening there was also a kickball tournament and a crest drawing. At the crest drawing, each sorority and fraternity had to attempt to draw their club crest in chalk on the sidewalk. They were judged for accuracy and creativity and the best crest drawing won points for their organization.

Wednesday was known as Commons Day. Due to inclement weather, though, the activities had to be moved inside to Transitions in Warren Hall. However, that did not hinder the festivities from continuing. Commons Day included a food drive, blood drive, cotton candy, basketball game and penny wars. Penny wars was a timed event where

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GREEK week

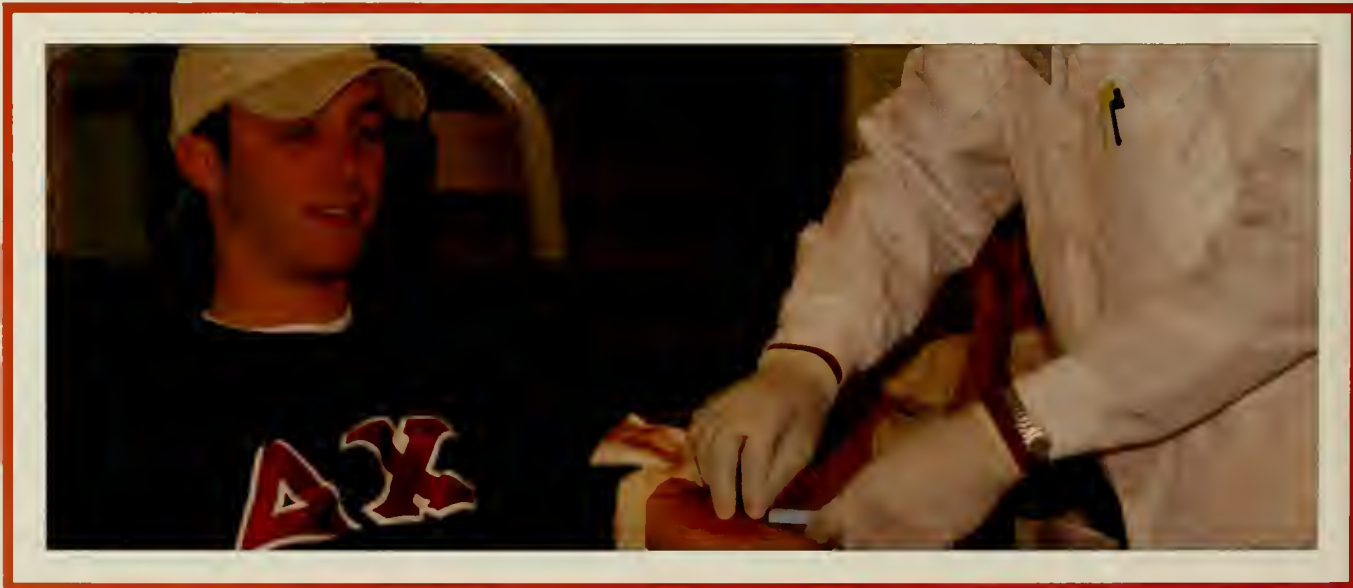




Performing a beautiful kick-line, the dancers from Alpha Phi strut their stuff. "Alpha Phi Fight Club," which received second place, was choreographed and practiced for weeks before the night of Greek Sing.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Raising her hands victoriously, Sarah Sample of Delta Gamma signifies that she is done. The chicken wing eating contest was a humorous and fun way to earn points.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



the participating chapters filled up their own and each other's jars with coins. The object was to get as many pennies as possible in the jar of the chapter one belonged to, and to add silver coins into everyone else's. Pennies were positive points, while any other coins were negative. With 15 minutes left, chapters began bringing out buckets of pennies that had been hidden from other chapters during the course of the competition. After seeing this, some chapters began to pull out dollar bills to put in as negative points against others. Delta Gamma came out as the

winner, having collected the most pennies. Even though there were heightened tensions during the penny wars competition, it was worth it in the end. All the money raised went to charity.

Greek Sing was Thursday and was the most anticipated event of the entire week. In this competition, fraternities and sororities had their last chance to earn points. Every participating chapter put together staged musical acts, each with their own theme. The acts included singing, dancing and props. While dancers performed choreographed routines, others stood on risers behind them and did hand motions to add effect. Chapters were judged in categories such as, "Best Risers," "Best Showmanship," "Best Props" and "Best Choreography." Peters said her sorority, Alpha Phi, had the theme of Alpha Phi Fight Club and used songs such as "We Will Rock You," "Kung Fu Fighting," "Fighter," "Beat It," "Watch Me Shine" and

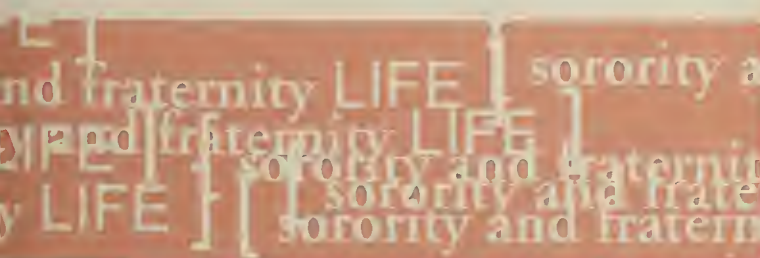
"Mortal Combat." Alpha Phi ended up placing second in the competition, behind Sigma Sigma Sigma whose theme was Battle of the Sexes.

After points for Greek Sing were awarded, the points from the entire

week were tallied and the winners were announced. Sigma Sigma Sigma was the overall winner for Greek Week out of all the participating sororities. Delta Gamma was second and Alpha Phi came in third. For fraternities, Phi Gamma Delta won Greek Sing, but Kappa Delta Rho was first in Greek Week overall. Theta Chi was second and Kappa Alpha came in third.

"Greek Week is the single best week of the entire year," sophomore Jenn Keegan said. "It is also an awesome way to raise money for so many different organizations around Harrisonburg." And several organizations benefited from the charitable activities. The Boys and Girls Club, a local homeless Shelter, Harrisonburg's Women's Domestic Abuse shelter, and Purcell Park all profited from Greek Week. Ten thousand dollars was donated to the Boundless Playground project in Purcell Park.

"I love every aspect of Greek Week," Macey said. "It's awesome to see every member of the Greek community helping out around Harrisonburg, playing games like they're in grade school again, working for months on Greek Sing and showing this school how much amazing talent is here."



Waiting while the nurse readies his arm to give blood, Wesley Hedgepeth of Delta Chi sits calmly. Giving blood was one of the many activities that Greeks participated in during the busy week. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Proving that guys can dance at Greek Sing too, a brother of Kappa Delta Rho thrills the crowd. KDR won Greek Week overall for the fraternities. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

JMU ^{VS.} tech

[dukes take on the hokies]

Ashley McClelland

As Hokie and Duke fans poured into the immense Virginia Tech stadium, the two football teams warm up preparing to face each other on the field. The clash of Tech's orange and maroon versus the Duke's purple and gold separated the crowd. While the general consensus was that the Dukes would not be able to beat the then undefeated Hokies, Dukes fans still made the two hour travel southward to support their team.

"I have a lot of friends at Tech and it's fun to come out and see our

team play," said freshman Carole Ryan. Sophomore Matt Skirven said, "JMU doesn't get very many big stadium games and it's an awesome experience for the team and crowd to play in a stadium this big."

Within the first quarter of the game Tech scored their first touchdown of the day. This was soon followed by a missed field goal with our first possession. This missed field goal proved to be something that was greatly regretted. Coach Mickey Matthews said, "The missed field goal was a huge play, so were three key quarter-



back long runs against us and a punt return by their returner.” Defensive end Jerame Southern said, “On defense during the first drive, if we could have made that tackle we could have changed the game, along with the kick.”

By the end of the half the score was 20-0 Tech and by the end of the game Tech won 43-0. The team lacked on rushing yards; they had 303 compared to our 18. “We rushed more than passed due to our field position. We were bottled up and it is hard to throw from your own 10-yard line.

We also wanted to keep the quarterback healthy,” said Matthews.

Overall the team felt as though they played well, but lacked in places. “We played well at offense and defense, but it is three pronged. Our kicking game was poor. Their punt return, our lack of kick off returns, the snap over the kickers head and our missed short field goal all hurt us,” said Matthews. “As a defense we could have tackled better. We didn’t wrap it up as well as in the past, and we made minor mistakes,” said Line backer Trey Townsend. Southern said, “We played



Playing for a crowd only the Hokies were used to, the Dukies' quarterback calls out the next play. The sea of burgundy and orange in the stands was hard to ignore, for it overwhelmed Lane Stadium. [Photo by Morgan High]

Although the team lost, some players had good games. "Southern had 12 tackles and quarterback pressure. He played very well," said Matthews. Southern said, "We put a couple of good drives together when we were backed up against the wall we made some good plays."

According to Head of Security at the President's Box at Virginia Tech, Wayne Zellers, the game did attract a rather large crowd. "There were about 55,000 to 58,000 people at this game. There are usually about 65,000, and our record is 66,000," said Zellers. "I

think that there are about as many students as always. Some of the season ticket holders probably didn't come." The game was possibly considered more of a friendly rivalry among the Interstate 81 colleges, attracting the students more so than the football fans.

Despite the loss, the team gained something from playing Virginia Tech. Matthews said, "We did gain a big check from Tech, we also gained some confidence. We won some individual battles against them."

JMU ^{VS} tech



Having made the two hour trip down Interstate 81, fans stand up and cheer for the Dukes. Many students sat in the visitor section of Lane Stadium, while others braved the masses and sat with Hokie friends in the Virginia Tech student sections.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Amusing the fans in the crowd, the Duke Dog, with the help of one of the cheerleaders, knocks the Hokie Bird off his feet. The mascots participated in some friendly rivalry fun throughout the game.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Looking for a hole in Virginia Tech's defensive line, Pervis Binns attempts to gain yards on the play. The Dukes only had 18 rushing yards in the game and were not able to score; the game ended with a score of 0-43.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]





Showing Virginia Tech what they can do, the Marching Royal Dukes perform before the massive amount of spectators piled into Lane Stadium. At half-time of the game, both schools' bands entertained the crowd [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



While performing on stage, Nas raps at the sold out Convocation Center. Opening for Nas was hip-hop group Nucci Rey-O. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

| all he needs is one mic |

Nas

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“It means, I’m protected,” hip-hop artist Nas said about *God’s Son*, his seventh full-length album and “most personal record.” Nas performed tracks off his new CD to a packed house of thrilled fans at the Convocation Center last spring.

The concert was co-sponsored by the University Program Board and the Black Student Alliance as part of their “Ebony Exposure” week.

Arms seemed to rise in a simultaneous uproar as Nas strolled onto the stage and heads began to bounce. Defining good hip-hop as “good word play, good flow and good concepts,” Nas’ music made him excel pass guidelines and stand out from his peers.

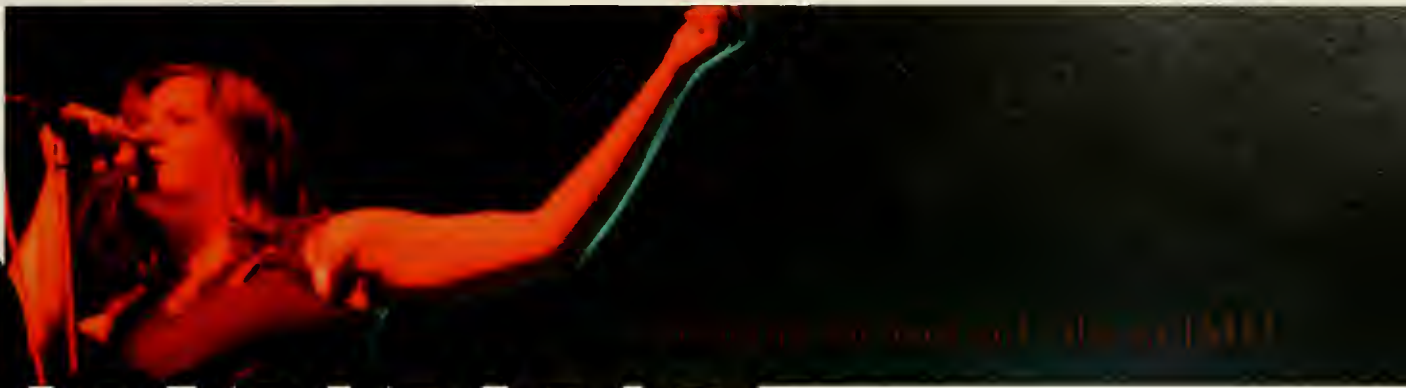
Perhaps it’s his depth of heart and soul that was apparent in everything he did, ranging from his lyrics to his performances. In “One Mic,” Nas dropped to his knees and held out his hands, almost giving a visual image to his new album’s title. Nas also charmed the audience, like he did the microphone, as he broke into his notorious “If I ruled the world.” From the hot, sweaty bodies squished together in front of the stage, to the very last pair of squinting eyes in the nose bleed section of the Convo, every arm was moving up and down to make for a spine-tingling picture.

Another touching moment was when Nas asked the audience to lift up their lighters to pay tribute to the late Tupac Shakur with “Thugz Mansion,” in which Tupac raps the second verse. Performing other singles off his new and previous albums such as his single “I Can,” as well as “Made You Look” and “Got Ur Self a Gun,” Nas kept the crowd alive anticipating his next display of lyrical genius.

With the release of his seventh album, one can see Nas was at peace with himself. The aura of intelligence and creativity surrounding him seemed almost unattainable. When asked what two words he would use to describe himself, Nas said with a slight grin, “God’s Son.”



Touring after the release of his seventh album, Nas performs one of his popular songs “I Can.” Nas continued the tradition of hosting a hip-hop concert in the spring [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



The Donnas

contributed by The Breeze

Don't let their look fool you. At first glance, The Donnas may have looked like cute and innocent girls, but they were a hard-rocking, hard-partying bunch. The Donnas' concert at the College Center Grand Ballroom in the spring was pure rock 'n' roll, loud guitars, pounding drums and tons of energy.

The Donnas were comprised of bassist Maya Ford (Donna F.), lead singer Brett Anderson (Donna A.), drummer Tory Castellano (Donna C.) and guitarist Allison Robertson (Donna R.).

The group played a 45-minute set of about 15 songs consisting primarily of material from their latest and fifth album, "Spend the Night." The group's performance was the second stop on their tour, which began in Columbia, S.C. at Three Rivers Music Festival.

Some of their songs, such as "Take it Off" and "Please Don't Tease" seemed to allude to role reversal, flipping the sexual stereotypes portrayed by many rock stars. Songs the audience showed the most enthusiasm for were "You Wanna Get Me High," "Hyperactive" and "I Don't Care," which Anderson dedicated to all the girls in the audience.

Junior Elizabeth Drosdick said, "I think it was great that they came because they were able to bring a different style of music to JMU." The crowd mostly was comprised of college students. Although much hoopla is made of The Donnas' all-girl status, it drew a crowd that was an even mix of both men and women.

The Donnas said their status as an all-girl band in a musical genre dominated by men gets the group more publicity than its all-male counterparts. "I feel like we have to deal with a lot of issues that guy bands don't face, issues that are unique to girls," Castellano said.

"It's frustrating."

Castellano added, "Playing live is what we love to do most and (playing for) college students is cool because they are really into music — it's a big part of their lives."



While slamming on her guitar, May Ford bangs her head along with the music. The Donnas were an all-girl rock band, that provided variety from typical male voices heard in rock. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Providing a solid beat, drummer Tory Castellano rocks the College Center Ballroom. The concert, which was put on by the music class course, also featured bands OK Go and LouderMilk. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

311ⁱⁿ concert

featuring Alien Ant Farm

| amber is the color of your energy |

Angela Norcross

The Convo went dark and then erupted into screams, cheers and stomping in the bleachers. As 311 took the stage the sound only increased, welcoming one of the most revered bands of this age. On October 24, Alien Ant Farm and 311 performed to a sold out crowd, sponsored by the University Program Board.

Planning for the concert began in September, when UPB put in a bid with More Music Group after deciding AAF and 311 were the bands they wished to feature. Meredith Weiss, UPB Director of Musical Events, said “We were very lucky in timing – that 311 would be in this area fit perfectly with the date that we had the Convocation Center.” This brought the largest show, production-wise, the University has every experienced. The bands brought three tractor-trailers full of equipment and another truck for lighting. UPB members worked long hours on Thursday and Friday to prepare for the show, setting up the stage, trusses, and lighting in order to provide the audience with a great show.

AAF, a rock and Nu-metal favorite, opened to what some thought was a lackluster performance, but one of the last before Terry Corso, the guitarist, departed the band on October 29. Sophomore Tommy Carothers commented, “They didn’t have a lot of energy, which I, along with most of the general concert-watching public, like to see. They had a great sound though.” They performed many songs from their new album *TruAnt*, with the most notable being the hit single “Glow.” AAF featured more of their heavy rock music, but also devoted a section of their performance to entirely acoustic melodies. Junior Stephanie Perry said, “Surprisingly, I really liked Alien Ant Farm. I say surprisingly because I was expecting them to have really hard core music, but it had a bit of a softer side and I really enjoyed it. They also played the perfect amount of time – not too short or too long.”

“Smooth Criminal,” the band’s remake of the Michael Jackson song was not performed, to the dismay of many. Junior Richelle Plotz said, “Alien Ant Farm was better than I thought they would be. Those boys had pure rockin’ voices, although I was disappointed they didn’t play Smooth Criminal.” Many agreed, however, that the band had a fantastic

Entertaining thousands of screaming fans, the lead singer of 311, Nick Hexum rocks out in the Convo. The much anticipated show was the largest ever brought to the University.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Singing with enthusiasm, Dryden Mitchell of Alien Ant Farm delights the crowd. AAF opened the show for 311 on October 24, 2003.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



sound “identical to the CD,” said junior Sean Hughes. AAF sufficiently warmed the crowd for the main event of the night, 311.

311, named for an indecent exposure arrest by one of its band members, had performed since 1993, producing over seven albums. The group featured a mix of rap, rock and reggae music. When 311 took the stage, the crowd went wild. The floor and much of the auditorium was alive throughout the entire concert, bouncing up and down to the beat, screaming, and singing along. Throughout 311’s performance, the bleachers shook back and forth as students stamped their feet to the beat with excitement. 311 performed a long set list of just over 22 songs, the most recognized of which were “Come Original” and “You Wouldn’t Believe.” The concert was intended to promote their new album, *Evolver*, and many of the songs played over the course of the evening were part of their newest CD, including their well-known single, “Beyond the Gray Sky.”

Overall, 311 was well-received, well-liked and adored by the audience. Sophomore Dan Bordsen said, “I feel like people who go to a 311 concert are true 311 fans...they’re just the type of band that you can’t go see and not get into the music.” Junior Jennifer Lachman went to the concert solely for 311’s performance, deciding to go since she had, “been listening to 311 since middle school [and] their stage presence is unreal. They are so intense from start to finish, and they really engage everyone in the audience.” Everyone who went seemed amazed by the talent 311 had and by the energy they exhibited throughout their performance. Junior Andy Cothorn said, “I loved the part where the whole band played the drums for a couple of minutes.” As people filtered out into the parking lot comments such as, “They were awesome” and, “I’m so glad I came,” were a part of almost every conversation.



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Singing "Molly," lead singer Vinnie Dombrowski of Sponge performs for the crowd. Sponge followed Muelle and Graham Colton. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



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Wilson Hall, full of lights, rock music and screaming fans—all for not even a penny. The Muelle, Graham Colton and Sponge concerts were full of happy, energized and surprised fans, as the admission fee was removed from the Wednesday night concert just before it began. Sponsored by UPB, the concert was successful in bringing forth an array of diverse music fans to Wilson Hall.



Engaging in a guitar solo, the lead guitarist performs along with Sponge. Sponge performed at a free concert in Wilson Hall. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

The opening act was not new to the Harrisonburg music scene. Muelle, a local band, won their chance to open for the concert in a local competition. They provided a good lead in to Graham Colton, a Texas band on tour for their album that would be released in a few months. Produced by Brendan O'Brian, who could be credited with working on the albums of such famous artists as Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots and Bruce Springsteen, Graham Colton was extremely popular with the crowd.

Graham Colton had just finished touring with the Counting Crows and John Mayer. The band said their musical influences ranged from Tom Petty to Barry Manilow.

Senior Tom Deary said, "Graham Colton was good, but it was Sponge who really rocked Wilson."

Performing after Graham Colton, Sponge took the stage. Sponge enjoyed widespread commercial success in the early 90's with such hits as "Whack the Static," "Plowed" and "Molly." Their first album came out in 1993 and the concert in Wilson was part of their fourth album tour. Their album, "For All the Drugs in the World," was successful among both fans from their early musical days, as well as their newer fan base.

Lead singer of Sponge, Vinne Dombrowski described that their sound had "devoled" over time, as opposed to having evolved. The band played hits from its past decade of success, but ended the concert with their new single, "Treat Me Wrong." This final number involved the crowd, as Sponge invited all the girls, both students and teachers alike, to join them on stage. Together, the crowd and the band closed out the successful night of fun and music, all for free.

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HI-FI | timeless rock and roll |



Kristin Short

"Timeless rock and roll," bassist Drew Parsons called it, graced the stage Aug. 22nd in the Wilson Hall auditorium. With opening act Some Odd Sense from Virginia Beach, American Hi-Fi brought in an almost full house during freshman orientation week.

"I'm pumped by the turnout. It's great to see this instead of [the freshman] going out," said Elizabeth Leigh, senior psychology and communication major.

American Hi-Fi, whose title had no particular meaning, had been together for five years. Brian Nolan and Stacy Jones, two members of the band, went to college together and met through the Boston music scene. The other members, Parsons and guitarist Jaime Arentzen were brought into the group later.

Their high-energy concert featured songs from their second album released, *The Art of Losing*. Their breakthrough song, "Flavor of the Weak" proved to be the biggest hit of the night.

"I only know the "Flavor of the Weak" song, but I like rock," said freshman IDLS major, Taryn Goodwin.

American Hi-Fi also performed songs such as "Teenage Alien Nation," "Safer on the Outside" and calmed the energy down with the melancholy "Another Perfect Day." They wrapped up their concert with an encore presentation of "Vertigo" from American Pie 2 and "The Break up Song" mixed with "Happy."

To get into the concert mood, American Hi-Fi said they usually listen to a wide variety of tunes. "I'm really into a band called Cave In right now," said Jones. All the members seemed to enjoy their iPods, mostly because they supply a never-ending list of artists and all different types of music the group said.

American Hi-Fi said they had many musical idols such as Kurt Cobain, John Lennon and The Beatles. "We all listen to a broad array of music, but all happen to listen to the same stuff," Jones said. He also said they go through phases with the type of music they listen to and that one of his biggest idols was Elvis Castello. They also said that they felt they had different influences from other bands, but when touring with Matchbox 20 they realized both groups listen to the same type of music.

Most of their music was based on experiences they had through their lives. Jones said these inspirations came from "personal stuff, relationships, and all the crap that happens in my life and to everyone."

As for long term goals, Arentzen said, "We dream of just being able to keep doing records and touring around." Nolan said, "We dream about being as big as possible."



Getting into the music, lead singer and guitarist Stacy Jones entertains the crowd. American Hi-Fi's show was opened by Some Odd Sense. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Singing "Flavor of the Weak," lead guitarist Jamie Arentzen rocks out with American Hi-Fi. American Hi-Fi performed as a part of freshmen orientation. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Kicking off the Homecoming festivities, the Overtones perform during Sunset on the Quad. The evening's events included singing, dancing, prizes and free food. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Cheering on the team, members of the Student Duke Club add excitement to the Homecoming game. The theme for the Homecoming events was "Purple Power." [Photo by Morgan Riehl]





Homecoming

2003 | a time for alumni and friends |

Exploring through the festivities of Commons Day, food and games with the theme of "Crush the Spiders" invite all in passing Commons Day was organized by its own Homecoming Committee.
[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]



Nicole Maier

Sunset on The Quad

As 5 o'clock rolled around the Wilson Hall bells chimed out the fight song as done everyday. Yet, on October 8 the bells only added to the heightened sense of school spirit that ran through the quad. Hundreds of students collected in front of Wilson's stairs which were adorned with purple and gold balloons, streamers and a large banner which read, "Sunset on The Quad...When JMU's Powers Combine."

The student body and some of their many performing groups combined together to help kick off the week of Homecoming events. "The purpose of Sunset on The Quad is to promote campus-wide unity and spirit by means of a beautiful sunset and incredible student talent," said junior Amy Bulter, a co-chairman of the event. The talent that performed included groups such as the breakdancing club, swing club, the Dukettes, Madison Dance Club and a number of a cappella groups. The crowd broke into a roar of screams and cheers as each group graced the stage.

As the sun slowly sank lower in the sky the performances continued and the line for free hot dogs grew. The audience was also able to take part in the fun on stage for a chance to win prizes. Students raced on stage to belt out the Fight Song to win purple Homecoming shirts. Yet, whether students won prizes or not, they were smiling.

It was an evening that allowed students to get away from their books and celebrate school spirit. "This is something I look forward to every year because it is a time when my friends and I can come out and just relax on the Quad watching the groups perform," said junior SMAD major, Kim Broas.

Commons Day

On October 9, it was not an average day on the Commons. With music, free food and games it looked more like a carnival had come to campus.

Throughout the afternoon, students munched on the complimentary cotton candy, pizza and other treats provided by various University organizations. Students were also given chances to win prizes such as T-shirts, pon-poms, and purple and gold bead necklaces. The theme of many of the games was to defeat the Spiders, Richmond's team mascot and this year's Homecoming rival. Students happily took part in games like "Sink the Spider" where they shot a basketball in a hoop covered with spiders or "The Exterminator" where the participants' faces got covered with cool whip topping while diving for gummy spiders.

Food and games were not the only things offered. There were also tables set up where students could vote for Mr. and Ms. Madison or pick up tickets for the weekend's football game. All the activities were there to help make the students excited about the weekend ahead. "It brings the school together getting people ready for Homecoming and making them proud of their school," said senior Management major Alecia Rufino. "You can walk through the commons and be like, wow, I go here!"

"Purple Power" Parade & Pep Rally

The sound of trumpets blowing and drums beating could be heard long before the band or the rest of the parade reached the streets lined with students, alumni and their families. On October 10, one by one each of the 15 floats made its way down Duke Drive and past the bookstore on Bluestone Drive.

According to senior Carrie Tagyer, a member of the Homecoming committee, the floats were judged on spirit and their creative interpretation of the theme, which was "Purple Power." Many floats performed acts where a superhero would defeat the invading spider. Other organizations got the crowd cheering by covering their cars and floats with the University colors and throwing candy.

There were even appearances made by Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Rose and Dr. Mark Warner who sat in back of convertibles. The landscaping crew rode through on a lawn mower pulling a cart with a flower display.

After the parade, students hurriedly rushed towards the Commons and collected on the grassy hill across from Gibbons Hall. School spirit was flowing through the audience. They jumped, screamed and cheered for chances to score one of the Homecoming souvenirs being tossed in the crowd or for a chance to play one of the games. One competition was a Battle of the Sexes game where the nominees for Mr. and Ms. Madison picked a spirited member from the crowd for their team. The males and females fought it out by answering questions that a member of the opposite sex would typically know. For example, the guys were asked to name the Spice Girls while girls the names of four X-Men characters. The game was tied so there was a bonus round question. In order to

answer the team had to be the first to tag the announcer's hand. For the question, "who will win tomorrow's football game?," both teams dashed to the platform colliding and sending one girl off the back of the stage. She only suffered from a bit of humility and was able to claim the winning title for the ladies.

The crowd was also entertained by performances from groups such as the Dukettes and the cheerleaders. Sports teams joined in the fun by competing against one another in tug-o-war.

Like many people attending the rally, freshman Shinez Cater said, "I am hoping to get a shirt." A thousand "I bleed purple" t-shirts were handed out at the end of the rally by the Student Government Association.

Other students came just to support their teams. "I came out to show my club field hockey spirit and to show spirit for JMU, because I love it!" said junior Health Science major Britini LaBrie.

It was an evening full of energy. Students came together to support their University. As junior Technical Scientific Communication major Ellie Loveman said, "I just love the school spirit."

The Dukes Homecoming 5k

While most of Harrisonburg was still asleep in their cozy beds, a group of over 160 dedicated runners and 70 plus volunteers came out to participate in the 8th annual Dukes Homecoming 5k on October 11.

The 3.12 mile course that looped around campus was welcome to both runners and walkers. "It promotes the Homecoming spirit and it also fits with our mission of UREC, which is promoting healthy lifestyles," explained Bob Golson, the coordinator of intramural sports and informal recreation. "That is why we allow walkers as well because that is a healthy lifestyle habit too."

After the race, runners mingled around the tables full of bagels, bananas and drinks. Raffle prizes were later given out and winners were individually recognized.

The event brought in many student runners as well as a number of alumni and locals. "For me it is fun because I get to see some of my alum friends," said Jeff Smith, who graduated in 1990 and has run this race seven times. "We challenge each other to come back and get up early on a Saturday morning after staying out late."

Even some current students decided to run it again. "I raced it last year and I had a good time," said sophomore and ISAT major Sheila Ernst. "It starts off the whole day of Homecoming fun."

Phil Vassar

It was just another day in paradise for country star Phil Vassar. The University's very own alum came back for his second annual Homecoming concert.

Vassar brought his University spirit with him. Before his concert Homecoming evening, he spent the day cheering on the Dukes as the football team squashed the Richmond Spiders and tailgating with his Theta Chi Fraternity brothers.

Vassar said, "It's an honor," to have been able to perform at this "beautiful place." He kicked off the concert with his hit song "When I Love You" followed by "Carlene." Whether he was dancing on the piano or grooving

with the Duke Dog, Vassar was able to include the whole audience with his "man its great to be back" attitude.

Vassar was not just a performer, but a songwriter as well. He had written songs for country artists like Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw and JoDee Messina. During his concert, he performed some of their well-known music as well. "In My Next 30 Years" sung by Tim McGraw and "I'm Alright" by JoDee Messina, were just two of them. He also featured each of his band members by having them each sing a portion of a classic song and then soloing on their instrument.



Showing their strength, members of Club Field Hockey play tug-o-war with the men of Club Soccer. The first pep rally drew massive crowds during Homecoming. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]





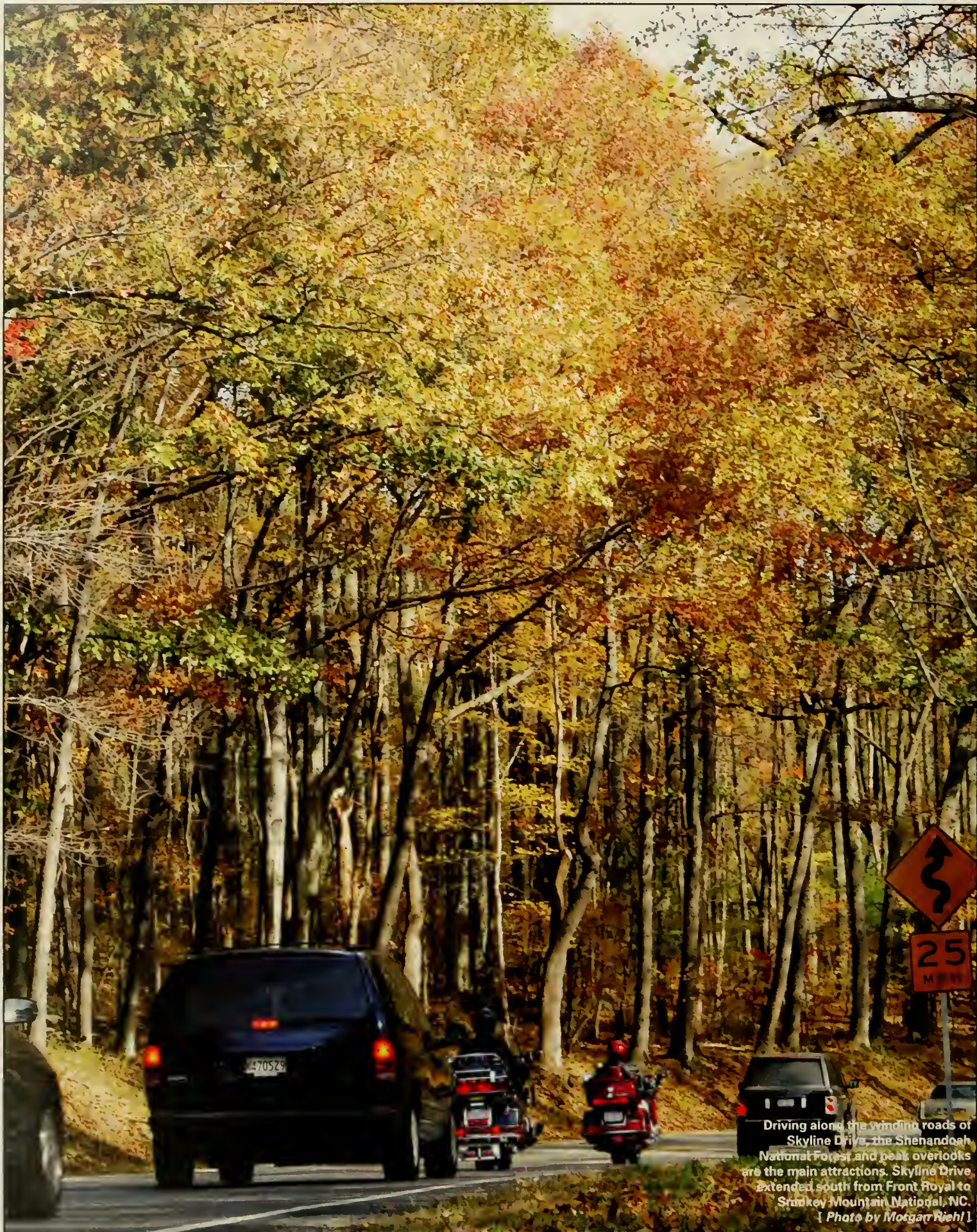
Breaking the tackle of defensive back Damien McCallum, freshman tailback Maurice Fenner rushes for the endzone. Fenner would score a touchdown in his next run. [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]

Showing her canine spirit, Molly gives the Duke Dog some competition for most spirited. The tailgating event was held on Godwin Field [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]

Former student, country singer Phil Vassar performs during Homecoming for a second year in a row. Singing to a packed convocation center, Vassar electrified the crowd. [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]



*The Shenandoah
Valley* | students get back to nature |



Driving along the winding roads of Skyline Drive, the Shenandoah National Forest and peak overlooks are the main attractions. Skyline Drive extended south from Front Royal to Smokey Mountain National, NC. [Photo by Morgan Rich]

Leanne Chambers, Meghan Gwaltney, and Morgan Riehl

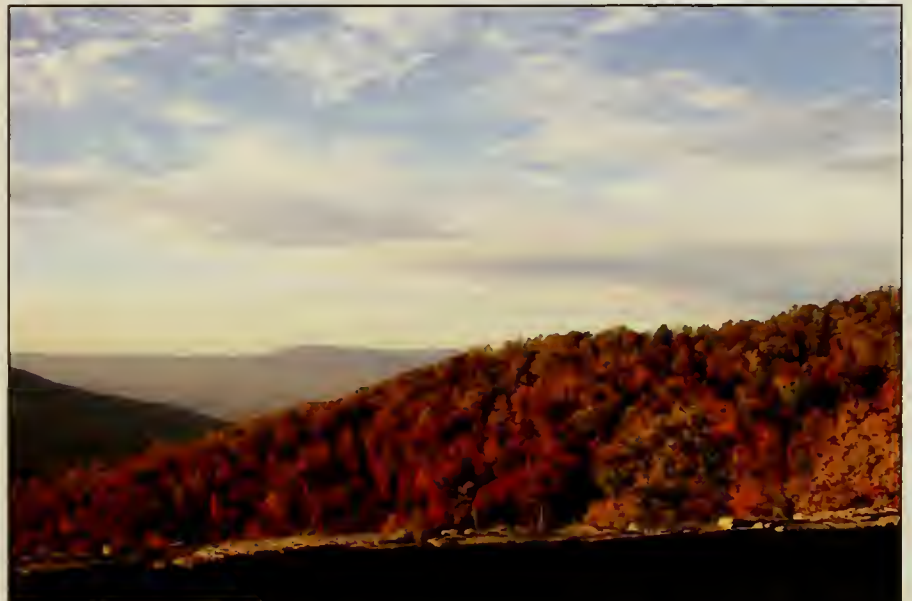
No one said it better than John Denver when he sang, "Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River....Country Roads, Take Me Home." Although the song might have been about West Virginia, Virginia itself had more than enough mountains, rivers and country roads to offer. And with Harrisonburg tucked nicely between all of these, students were given the opportunity to take full advantage of these resources.

"The Blue Ridge Mountains contain rocks that are among some of the oldest in North America," said Dr. Roddy Amenta, professor of geology. The rich geological history of the region spanned over one-billion years. At that time, the Blue Ridge Mountains looked more like the Andes Mountains in South America than the way they looked today. There was a long range of volcanic mountains along the east coast. The rocks found in the Blue Ridge were formed in the core of that volcanic ridge. There were also basaltic lava flows that were deposited on the rocks when the super continent Rodinia rifted apart. During this rifting, cracks formed that penetrated deep into the earth, which allowed magma to rise up and flow out onto the Earth's surface. "If you looked east from the Blue Ridge into the Piedmont, you could see the roots of over a dozen ancient volcanic islands that came and collided with North America about 400-million years ago," said Dr. Lynn Fitcher, professor of geology. "There is not much left, which is why the area is so flat right now, but if one knows how to read the rocks, there are marvelous stories there to be read." Because of the many geological changes over the years, the Blue Ridge Mountains and Skyline Drive were prime visitation spots for geology professors and students. "Field experience was very important in the training and education of geology students," said Amenta. "Imagine trying to study the geology of mountain building in a place like Kansas." Fichter added, "We are very fortunate to be so close to so much history and we take advantage of it every chance we get. The Blue Ridge is a wonderful resource."

For those not enrolled in the geology program, there were many ways in which students could take advantage of all that the Blue Ridge had to offer. There was a multitude of hiking, canoeing and camping opportunities just a few minutes away from home in the Shenandoah National Park. The park held more than 500 miles of trails, 101 miles of which were part of the Appalachian Trail. For the more ambitious students, UREC provided trips throughout the Shenandoah Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains through their Adventure Programs. The trips were offered to students at a lower cost than one would normally pay with a professional company, but provided the same kinds of experiences as well as expert guides. Some of the trips offered were rock climbing just a few minutes from the University; James River Canoeing Trips, Shenandoah River Canoeing Trips, Humpback Rocks Hiking trips, and Crabtree Falls Hiking Trips. Most cost under \$30 to participate. All the trips were located within a few hours drive of Harrisonburg in the Blue Ridge Mountains and surrounding area. Due to these factors, the trips were popular among student adventurers and

usually booked quickly. "These trips were great because they gave students the opportunities to explore the area," said senior Chris Anderson, adventure programs manager at UREC. "Not many students had the chance to get out of Harrisonburg. By providing them with these trips, it was our way of showing our appreciation for all the area has to offer."

For those not in a class or looking for adventure, a simple cruise along Skyline Drive offered beautiful views of the valley and the mountains. A \$10 fee gave a 7-day pass that offered 105 miles of road that wound its way along the crest of the mountains throughout the length of the Shenandoah National Park. The road had 75 overlooks, perfect for viewing the beautiful vistas, valleys and peaks. "I really enjoyed going to Skyline Drive," said junior Stephanie VanArsdale. "The park is beautiful and it's a great place to go to get away from it all. Looking out and seeing birds fly below you gives you the feeling of being on top of the world." A plethora of wildlife, such as deer and even black bears could be seen. There were also many places to park off of the road to picnic and camp. Junior Katie Reisenfeld summed it up. "There's nothing more beautiful than going to Skyline Drive on a Saturday in the fall and watching the sun set," she said. "It's perfect."



Looking out across the Shenandoah Valley, Skyline Drive offers a tremendous array of photogenic spots. Skyline Drive served as a way to get away from daily stress. [Photo by Peyton Green]

Another local getaway for students was the high peak of Reddish Knob. Tucked away in the mountains beyond the small town of Dayton, many students escaped their academic pressures by taking a short trip to Reddish Knob. Students from all walks of life could be found at the summit any time of the year. Sun, wind, rain or snow could not keep students from making the trek through the mountains and up the winding narrow road until they reached the peak. At an elevation of 4,397 feet, visitors got a 360-degree view of the majestic Shenandoah Valley and beautiful surrounding mountains from one of the tallest peaks in the area.

Approximately 45 minutes from campus, many students took a few hours out of their day at least once during the year to visit Reddish Knob. Resident advisors in freshman dorms made the trip into a hall program for first-year students to get them off campus and see some of their new surroundings. Star gazing, roasting marshmallows, warming their hands by the campfire and sharing wonderful memories of their years at the University, upperclassmen took the opportunity to spend quality time with friends before graduating.

For those who were looking for adventure, biking the thirteen miles up to the summit was an option, although many skilled riders claimed it was more difficult than expected. Students in search of something more relaxing could drive up the narrow paved road straight to the peak, from their dorm rooms to a gorgeous view of the mountains in less than an hour. Some students even ventured out before dawn for an experience like none other. Senior Sarah Wylly reflected, "I love going up to Reddish Knob to watch the sunrise in the morning. You can see out in all directions. It's just beautiful."

Reddish Knob was also a popular spot to take friends and family who wanted to experience valley life. During Parents Weekend, students and their families could be spotted taking pictures to remind them of their visit, huddling around a campfire in one of the three private sites around the summit, or just standing at the edge to take in the view. Wylly said she loved to take friends from different schools because, "it's such a unique experience to JMU. Who else can drive half an hour and be at the peak of a mountain, feeling so empowered."

Students could always count on Reddish Knob as an adventurous break from the ordinary or a relaxing retreat from the rigors of campus life.

Besides just the beautiful look of the breathtaking Shenandoah Valley, students could take an inside look at the natural beauties below their feet. On a hot, steamy day most students would run to a local pool, but others would take full advantage of the amazing 55 degree underworld of the nearby caverns. Regardless of being a geology major or not, the truly unique nature of the Shenandoah Valley was no more tangible than

inside one of the four extensive sights that are just a short drive from campus.

Each of the four prominent caverns in the Harrisonburg area, the Shenandoah, Grand, Luray and Endless, were different from one another and have gained independent acclaim. Both, Shenandoah and Luray Caverns were featured in National Geographic Magazine. Grand Caverns was named the second best cavern in the nation by Parade Magazine and Endless Caverns lives up to its name – with over 4.5 miles currently mapped out, no end to the maze of rocks has been found.

"I never had an appreciation for rocks before. It's amazing, you walk into a living, breathing world," said senior Gina Indellicate. Answering a help-wanted ad in *The Breeze*, Indellicate was a tour guide in the Endless Caverns during the summer. Indellicate added, "It was nothing I had thought about before - how a rock forms, how it effects our environment."

Such immediate access to such sites was not only utilized by individual students, but also by the department of geology and environmental science. Scott Eaton, an assistant professor of geology, takes an upper-level course on a weekend field trip that includes the Grand and Endless Caverns. The department believed that giving students an opportunity to actually walk around within and witness the environments they learned about in the classroom is invaluable.

The students focused on the groundwater issues of the caverns and the entire plumbing system that exists beneath the earth's surface. "The cave system controls the surface topography, the development of streams, and water quality and quantity," said Eaton. The class' visits to locations around the valley teach them about many specific geological aspects and issues. However, Eaton's main hope and goal is that "the field trip gets our students thinking about not just the geology on the surface, but what is beneath their feet and its influence on their lives."

Senior Kristin Short, a geology minor, was one of the students who visited the caverns with Eaton's class. "Going to the caverns, in particular, was a wonderful experience. Not only being able to see the environment, but learning the history behind them made it so interesting and personal," Short said.

The caverns may well be considered one the best-kept secrets to the Harrisonburg area. "So many people do not realize what is at their doorstep. I feel that just because they are so close to campus that they are ignored," junior Julia Simmons, a philosophy major said.

The cave systems that surround the University impacted more than first meets the eye. They form silently underground, affecting the mountains that are the backdrop to campus and the water that we drink. There was no denying the natural splendor within the Shenandoah Valley.



Growing from the ceiling and the floor, the stalactites and stalagmites of the Endless Caverns will meet to form a column in a few million years. Located in New Market, the Endless Caverns was one of the hundred caves found in Virginia. [Photo by Gina Indelicato]



Sinking below the horizon, the setting sun illuminates Reddish Knob. This overlook located in West Virginia was 40 minutes from campus which made for an easy commute for individuals and clubs to escape their schoolwork and take a breath of fresh air. [Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

Nicole Maier

Late in the evening on November 16, fire engulfed the Financial Services Complex on South Main Street causing an estimated \$500,000 worth of damage.

The building was home to a number of University offices in addition to rented space for two doctors. According to Director of University Communications Fred Hilton, the Harrisonburg Fire Department said that a faulty extension cord in one of the rented offices caused the fire.

A campus officer on a routine patrol was first to discover the blaze, said Chief Lee Shifflett of the University police. The officer quickly

dialed the Harrisonburg Fire Department and proceeded to check if anyone was trapped in the burning building.

Smoke from the fire quickly spread. Alison Fargo, managing editor for *The Breeze*, and other staff members were working late in their office a block away when they smelled smoke around 11

p.m. "We smelled smoke and started hearing sirens," said Fargo. "The four of us went outside and we just saw this huge thing of smoke." The group ran towards Buffalo Wild Wings Bar and Grill which they thought was the source of the fire. "We couldn't tell because there was just smoke everywhere."

It was not until seeing the fire trucks by the neighboring building that they figured out the source of the smoke. The staffers' reporting instincts instantly kicked in. While someone ran back to grab a camera from the office, Fargo took a piece of scrap paper from a fellow *Breeze* member and went to work. "I grabbed his piece of paper and took the pen out of my hair and went to the police officers and started interviewing them," said Fargo. She, along with the other three staff members, stayed until 2 a.m. interviewing police, fire and rescue squads, campus cadets and the students that were gathered at the scene.

The *Breeze* staffers stayed up late to get their story out in the next day's paper. Extra staff was called in to help write, edit and layout the story. The paper that was to come out had already been dropped off at *The Daily News Record*, where it was printed. Fargo was quick to contact them about their change in plans. "I called them up and was like 'stop the presses! We're going to be redoing the front page!'" said Fargo. Finally, after a long night of work, the paper was ready to go to press at 4 a.m.

the **FIRE**

| JMU Financial Services up in smoke |



Occupying several firefighters, the fire and smoke pours out of the building windows. Firefighters responded to the call at 11:30 pm.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Collapsing under the fire, the roof is the first thing to give way. The source of the fire was found to be a faulty extension cord.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Watching the fire, students gather on South Main Street. The fire was originally thought to be located in Buffalo Wild Wings. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Following the fire, damage is estimated at half a million dollars. Most of the records from the offices was recovered enabling business to continue the following day [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Yet, they were not the only ones to stay up late. Fire personnel worked well into the night and early morning to control the flames. According to Shifflett, it took about five hours after the fire was first discovered to put it out.

An estimated half a million dollars worth of damage was done to the building. "However the final loss will most likely be higher," said Shifflett. According to Hilton, extensive damage was done to the upper levels of the complex and the roof collapsed in many areas. Equipment that was damaged beyond repair was to be replaced. Most of the data held in the offices was salvaged.

Many people worked on getting everything running smoothly again after the night's blaze. According to Shifflett, facilities management personnel were brought in to assist the retrieving of any documents that were not destroyed by fire, smoke or water. The Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance executed plans to move the affected offices to temporary stations. The offices were up and running within a day.

"The JMU staff did a tremendous job in setting up temporary space and working environments for the displaced employees," said Hilton.

"All services affected by the fire were fully operational within 24 hours of the blaze. It was a great team effort of the staff in the administration and finance division."

It was a devastating fire, and one that many would not soon be forgotten. "It was exciting because things like this don't happen in Harrisonburg often," said Fargo. "For The Breeze to be able to cover it, I think it was great." Fargo took pride in the fact that they got the story out. "The Daily News Record got their information completely incorrect and The Breeze got everything correct for the most part." Usually, The Daily News Record got the story out first and with the right facts, this time The Breeze did, commented Fargo.

Others would remember the fire though because of its size. Shifflett remarked that, "In [his] 17 years at JMU [he had] not seen a fire on campus of this magnitude."

It was through the hard work and quick actions of many personnel that the fire was brought under control and the offices got running again. "I am not sure that this response could be duplicated elsewhere within the same time frame," said Shifflett.

a day in the life of...

a day

[Photo by Clare Burchard]



[Photo by Emily Dursa]



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[Photo by Kate Sawyer]



in the life of...

A day in the life of a...

Freshman



As a pre-psychology major, Erin Hayes has to apply to get accepted to the major. Due to the competitiveness for majors, a lot of incoming freshmen had to apply for their major and were forced to take only GenEd classes during their first semesters. [Photo by Emily Dursa]

Carrie Belt

It was easy to forget those first months at school; the uncertainty of a new place, the feeling of being invisible in crowds, the overwhelming sense of being so far from anything and anyone familiar. Every student had experienced the often famous “freshman year,” but few could remember the day-to-day feelings of utter trepidation and the glee of discovery.

Erin Hayes, a New Jersey native, was a classic first-year student. She came to school knowing only a handful of people who were mostly graduates of her small, Catholic high school. “I found out about JMU because a friend from my high school came here,” she said. “I have another friend who is a sophomore. She told me all the things I need to know, like don’t go to D-Hall at 6 because of the crowds.”

Yet, Hayes discovered no amount of preparation could circumvent every question and problem that arose during the first semester of college.

Hayes was placed into a suite in Hanson Hall with five other girls she had never met. The room she had to share was half the size of her room at home, which, she said, “is the size of both my room and my suite here.” Hayes had not had to share a room since she was nine years old.

Before arriving on campus, Hayes had only spoken with her roommate, first year student Jenn Hoyt, a handful of times “to decide what to bring,” Hayes said. “We wanted to make sure we had everything.”

On her first night, Hayes, her roommate, and two of their suitemates “wanted to explore JMU.” They met up with an acquaintance that one of the suitemates had met during a summer dinner that the school had sponsored in her hometown.

The group experimented with the Harrisonburg Transit System and found their way to an apartment party in Southview Apartments, where an acquaintance had friends.

They then wandered around the parking lot of the apartment complex “for a while” until they found the apartment. “It was crowded and it was a really small space,” Hayes said. “I didn’t know anyone. No one there did. But I got to know my suitemates really well. We spent most of the time outside where it wasn’t as crowded.”

The next morning, Hayes and the rest of the first-year students awoke at 8 a.m. in order to begin orientation activities. “We woke up really early because our FROGs [First Year Orientation Guides] threatened to

come and wake us up if we weren't up," Hayes said. "Then we went to talk about the summer reading book. People mostly talked about the war."

All first-year students were encouraged to read the book *The Things They Carried* before coming to school. Hayes admitted that she did not care for the book or even finish it, but that she benefited from it anyway. "I met a girl who was sitting next to me in the lecture who hadn't read [the book] either and we got to talking about it," Hayes said. "Then she called to me when I was walking to class and we were in the same class, so now we're friends."

After spending her first few days getting to know all about the school and its culture, Hayes settled into a routine centered on her schedule of classes, meals and naps. Her "rough day" was Monday, which began when her roommate's alarm clock went off at 7:30 a.m. She lay awake until her roommate left, then rolled over and slept until 8:40. She would leave by 8:50 for her 9:00 psychology class, then return to her room for her "favorite nap of the day." Hayes, who said she was "a big napper at home," averaged one to two naps everyday.

A friend who lived downstairs would call at noon to wake Hayes up from her mid-morning snooze and the pair would then hike up the hill to the modular building for their general education communications class. "You get used to the hills here," Hayes commented. "All colleges have hills. Eventually, you get to walk down."

After class, Hayes would meet with her suitemates for lunch, typically at PC Dukes. Hayes would challenge the dreaded "Freshman 15" by indulging in her favorite Dukes classic: a grilled chicken sandwich and lemonade. "I think I've only gained about five pounds," Hayes said. "It's all moved to different places, like it's shifted." She laughed at the extra layer that she claimed had moved from her legs to her stomach.

Hayes' final class of the day was a two-hour sociology class that she was taking to fulfill the general education requirement. In fact, all of her first-semester courses were general education requirements, which Hayes appreciated. "Since I don't know what I want to do," Hayes said, "I find

[the Gen. Ed. Classes] helpful. It keeps you interested and so you don't have to take the same classes all the time."

Following class, Hayes and her friends would dine at D-hall or Market One, then pass the rest of the night in the Hanson Hall TV lounge or one of their rooms until bedtime at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. Sometimes she would finish work that was due for her Tuesday classes, but typically, "there was little work" for those.

The resident hall also had programs that Hayes and her friends would attend "because they usually gave out pizza." Some of her favorite programs included painting door wedges for her room, decorating pumpkins for Halloween, learning about individual learning styles and matching the Resident Advisors with their personality traits. If you were able to match the RA with his or her personality traits, then "the RA would take you anywhere you wanted to go in Harrisonburg on a Saturday," Hayes said of the last program.

Getting around Harrisonburg had been a challenge for Hayes. For the first few months, Hayes and her friends relied on the buses to take them to Chili's, the mall or Wal-Mart. First-year students were not allowed to have cars on campus, but by late semester, a friend had discovered the famed Hunter's Ridge parking lot where many first-year students kept their cars. From then on, Hayes had a convenient ride anywhere she wanted to go in Harrisonburg. Her favorite place was Wal-Mart, where she and her suitemates would buy things to decorate their rooms.

Perhaps the greatest challenge for Hayes and other first-year students was learning to coexist with a roommate. "My suitemates and I always talked about how we each got put with the perfect roommate," Hayes said. "We were both really laid-back, but my roommate is even *more* laid-back than me! We both are messy and her things are always on my side and my things are always on her side of the room. I've learned to compromise a lot."

Hayes' favorite thing about the University was the people. "Everyone is really nice here, whether you're at D-Hall or at a party," she said.



Enjoying dorm life, freshmen Brittany Leonard, Ashley Knight, and Erin Hayes talk about scheduling for classes. Hayes was required to live in the Village dorm Hanson her freshman year. [Photo by Emily Dursa]

A day in the life of a... **Bus Driver**



Starting the bus, driver Willard Comer gets ready to start his route. Comer rotated routes daily, filling in where needed. [Photo by Clare Burchard]

Nicole Maier

He picked you up from class, took you across campus or brought you back to your apartment. Every school day he was one of the people who helped students without cars or time to walk, get where they had to be. Yet, Willard Comer was so much more than a bus driver. He was a husband, grandfather, coworker, and as friend Bill Liskey described him, an all around nice guy.

Before working for Harrisonburg Transit, Comer held a number of steady jobs. He worked for a heating and air conditioning factory for sixteen years and then later for another machine shop. "I have already retired twice. Next time it is going to be permanent," joked Comer. Then, his bus-driving career began. Comer started out as a chatter bus driver. "I traveled everywhere," said Comer. "I used to bring all the school kids to Florida and Washington and all the historic sites around." It was not until seven years ago that he joined up with the local Harrisonburg Company.

In those days, Comer had the hobby of restoring cars. "Most of them I brought home were basket cases that needed a lot of work," Comer said. He had fixed up about 24 Trans Ams, muscle cars, and pickup trucks, all of which he sold soon after. It was one of his most enjoyable pastimes. "It is a lot of fun to rebuild something," Comer said.

Comer had worked for the city Transit Company for seven years. Every weekday he drove from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Yet, Comer's day really started around 6 a.m. He woke up and made coffee and breakfast, usually eggs with sausage or bacon, his favorite.

Comer was born and continued to live in Page County where he commutes from everyday. Once at the garage, he had a checklist that he was to complete everyday. He made sure, "all of the lights are burning, there are no flat tires and the bus is drivable for the day."

The route that Comer drove was unique to the others. He drove the "Special Bus." "My primary duty is helping the buses that get behind," explained Comer. "I know which routes have the greatest concentration of kids that want to ride." Comer was also there to step up if another bus broke down. He said there could be four or five breakdowns a week. When they occur he immediately went and took over the route while the other driver took the broken bus to the shop to be repaired. Comer not only looked out for the other buses, but for the students as well. "You see a lot of them everyday and I know certain ones that I will wait on because I know they should be on the bus," he said.

During the day Comer received an hour break for lunch. "Normally I bring my lunch and go back to the garage," said Comer. On other breaks he, as well as other drivers, enjoyed going to Neighbors off of Port Republic and having a coffee.

What Comer liked the most about his job was being associated with the students. Generally students were very friendly to him. He said that over half of them would usually say "thank you" or "have a nice day." Comer enjoyed seeing the students that he described as having hopes and dreams. "You've got a future ahead of you. You guys are always looking."

There could be some difficulties in driving a 37-foot bus. "You go around turns and have to swing wide," said Comer. "I have to be especially

careful that I don't drag [the] wheels into the curb or run something over." He said he had been lucky and had only had a few fender benders and a couple of near misses.

There were some days that Comer's shift lasted longer than usual. At times a bus would break down near the end of his shift and Comer had to take over. "So I get on the little-nifty cell phone and tell my wife I am going to be late tonight," he said. On normal nights though, he usually returned home at 6 p.m. He then would have supper with his wife, a substitute teacher at a local primary school. Afterwards, he liked to relax by watching the news or by playing solitaire on the computer or going on the Internet "if one of the grandkids is not on it." Comer had two granddaughters that were twelve and fourteen. The girls only live two houses away from him. So, "if both of them want to be on the Internet or computer at the same time they come to granddaddy's and get on his computer."

Back at work, friends and colleagues described him as being a good person as well as worker. Reggie Smith, the director of Harrisonburg Transit says as a worker, "Willard is conscientious and dependable."

At age 69, Comer did not foresee quitting anytime in the near future. "I am working now to keep from sitting around the house doing nothing." He said as long as his health holds up he will continue to work. "I like doing it and I like the people I work with," he said. "This is a good job."



Pulling away from the bus stop, routes begin their day. Bus routes were scheduled around class times so that it would be most convenient for students.
[Photo by Clare Burchard]



Lined up at Godwin, transit buses wait for all students to get on their route. William Comer knew which students were supposed to be on the different routes and would wait for them before he left.
[Photo by Clare Burchard]

A day in the life of a...

D-Hall Worker



Working at D-Hall, junior Kelly Everett tries to balance school work and the responsibilities of the job. Everett worked at D-Hall since she was a freshman.
[Photo by Kate Sawyer]

Nicole Maier

Gibbons Hall, or more popularly referred to as D-Hall, was one of the busiest eating spots on campus. Students could go there for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. It was people like junior Kelly Everett, a supervisor at the dining hall, who helped keep things running smoothly and the diners happy.

Everett's days were jam packed from the time she got up in the morning until she went to sleep at night. "I get up every morning at 7 because I have an 8 a.m. everyday," she said. "I have to get to class early, it is one of those freakish things," she joked. In between classes Everett could usually be found in her room in Hoffman Hall, where she lived for three years in row, or at the library studying to utilize her free time as best as she could. "I have to schedule very well now that I have to work at night and I won't get anything done," commented Everett.

Work was not the only thing she planned her day around. When she registered for classes she did it with her friends so they could schedule a time to eat lunch together. Everett's friends were important to her. Carol Lehet, a student manager and a good friend of Everett, described her as a caring person. "She will go out of her way to do anything for anybody," said Lehet. "If you're sick she'll do stuff to make you feel better. She is always sending little cards if you're having a bad day. In and outside of work she is just very much into how people are feeling and what they're thinking and trying to help everybody have a better day."

Much of Everett's free time was dedicated to working with others. On every Tuesday evening she volunteered at Blessed Sacrament to teach religious education. Everett also took a practicum class where she would go teach an 8th grade class in Augusta County. There she originally administered tests. Later she created her own lesson plans and taught

her own classes. "It is annoying I have to drive 20 minutes to get there, but working with those kids is so much fun," she said.

Still, she said that most of her time was devoted to D-hall. Everett said that friends and co-workers "joke that I live here. I am here at least once a day for something." Working with food and crabby customers was not on the top of her list as fun things to do, but it is the people she worked with that made her job exciting. "Here they are all my friends so it is fun to hang out," said Everett. She laughed when she thought about what she called the dramas of D-hall. "It is kind of like a miniature soap opera," she said. "It is like its own little world." There was always talk of, "who is dating who, who broke up, when the next party is, what happened at the party," said Everett.

Everett had been an employee of D-hall for three years. "She is one of our most dependable employees," said Lehet. "She is always early for her shift, she always stays later. She is awesome with the employees especially during training. She'll go talk to everybody and make sure they're doing okay." Russell Fuller, a manager at the dining hall, said, "She is a very good person. She smiles all the time."

When a night at the dining hall came to an end Everett was one of the people the other employees came to. "I choose who does what, who cleans what," she said. The rest of the evening, though, she was always there to help when needed.

Her schedule during the week could be pretty busy. Yet, she still managed to find time to relax even if it was only one day a week. "Friday is a day where you don't do anything," she said. "You avoid D-hall."

Next year Everett hoped to apply for the position of student manager. Yet, even if that fell through she said she would not leave. "We often joke about if we don't get it we are going to quit," she said. "I am sure I'll stay. You get sucked in. You can't leave this place once you get in."

Everett planned to stay at the university for five years in order to get her teaching certification. After graduation she wanted to be a high school teacher in a Virginia school.

In the meantime, she remained one of D-hall's important employees. She was able to manage schoolwork, teaching, a social life and a job. Lehet said, and most other d-hall employees would have agreed, "we'd like to keep her."



At the center of campus Gibbons Hall, more formally known as D-Hall, provides food for the majority of campus. D-Hall provided five different eateries within the main building { Photo by Clare Burchard }

A day in the life of...
Dr. Rose



Taking part in September 11 remembrance, President Dr. Linwood Rose speaks at the memorial plaque unveiling. The plaque was dedicated in front of the Leelou Alumni Center to the alumni who passed away on September 11, 2001.
[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

Angela Morgan & Kristin Short

Dedicated to excellence and devoted to creating a unique experience for students, Dr. Linwood Rose was committed to giving his time and energy to ensure the institution was one that was what many described as an outstanding university with a touch of gold. Rose wanted an opportunity to open the doors of the University in order to make it a place where students and faculty felt at home.

As the University's fifth president, Rose enjoyed his position. He expressed his love for the quality of students and faculty that the University had. He acknowledged the differences that he saw between other college communities and the institution where he was in charge. He said, "When one walks around campus, students' heads are lifted higher and people say hi when you walk by."

He was an innovative man that was able to set goals that helped to improve the University as a whole. He said, "I am dedicated to the commitment of improving the University and have it be defined as a new American university." Rose strove for a community with the characteristics of a large research institution that still obtained the characteristics of a small liberal arts college. He sought to implement new academic programs, prestigious graduate programs and financial support, all while providing a high level of service to those already within the community. Even with a larger research atmosphere, Rose still wanted the students to have direct access to faculty members. The overall vision that Rose had for the University came from defining characteristics that the University hoped to have achieved by the year 2008, which will be the 100-year anniversary of the institution.

Satisfied with what the University had accomplished so far, Rose said, "I want to be able to help in the process to influence the development of faculty and students." Rose wanted the students to leave the University with an education and knowledge that they can personally apply to their life. Rose said he hoped that the community helped to further develop the students' characters. One of his projects was a new diversity program. He and his Presidential Commission worked to increase diversity at the University through such ideals as researching previous recruitment efforts, as well as retention.

Rose's background knowledge in every division of the University helped

him to understand what services the institution still needed. He started as an assistant director of residence life in 1975. From there, he was chief operating officer of the University followed by being the executive vice president. Achieving the position of president was a great honor that he never believed he would reach. Rose said, "It is easy for someone in superior position to look at others and make suggestions about how the job should be done." By having been in various positions in the University, he was able to remember what the job was like for him and he would be better able to make decisions. He always sought to know how to perform the positions above him. He said, "I aspired to look to the next level of knowledge, so that I would be able to do the job of the next level up. I made sure that I learned more than what I had to know."

Some of his responsibilities as president required him to have a huge

amount of interaction with the community. Whether he was cultivating with perspective donors through writing letters, talking on the phone, visiting those who were willing to donate money to the University, or meeting with the fundraising staff to raise money for sports events, his day planner was always packed. Weekly, he would meet with the executives, vice presidents and staff to go over any concerns that they had during that particular week.

In all of his responsibilities he always sought to stay in touch with the concerns of the students. He said he would have his secretary invite a student to dine with him for lunch. Students always responded with "why does the president want to have lunch with me?" But, having lunch with one student a week, or having dinner with a student group, Rose was able to stay in touch with the concerns of student life.



Sitting in his office, President Dr. Linwood Rose pauses during his busy day to answer questions. President Rose was inaugurated in 1999 [Photo Courtesy of Photography Services]

a day in the life of...

A day in the life of a...
Secretary

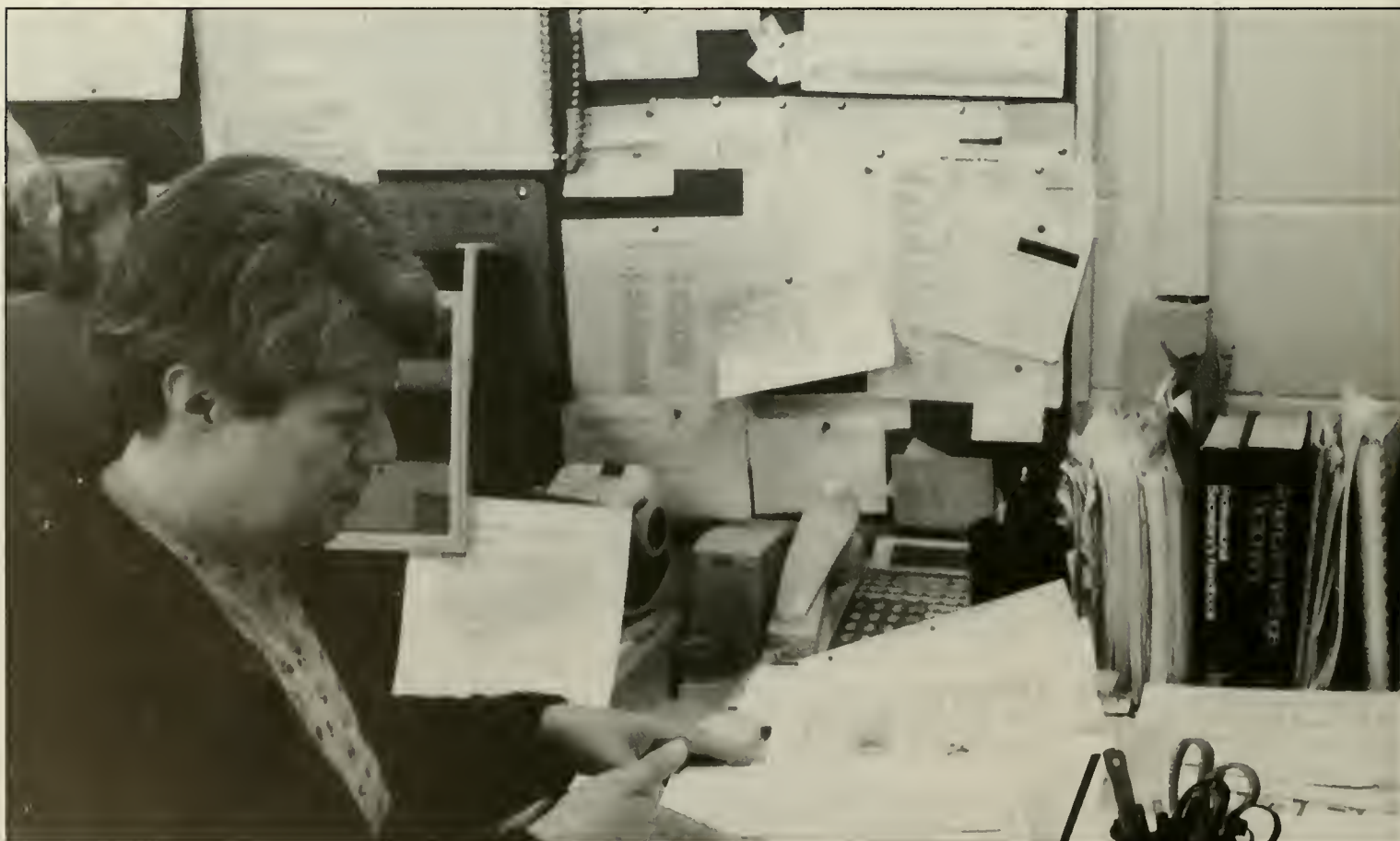
Alicia Stetzer

In her office in Miller Hall, Geology Department secretary Sandie Delawder organizes the lives of geology students and faculty. Students affectionately referred to her as their department mother. [Photo by Megan Bucknum]

Setting her cup of coffee down on her desk at 7:30 a.m., before most students have even awoken to the sounds of their alarm clocks, Geology Department Secretary Mrs. Sandie Delawder settled into the rigors of another workday. After checking emails and inter-office memos, the day had officially begun at 8 a.m., when the constant stream of students and professors started knocking at her office door.

"During the day, it's like Grand Central Station in here," Delawder said. "Geology students are always needing my help, whether I am needed to register them for the classes they want, or to assist them in their correspondence with professors."

Depending on the time of year, Delawder would do anything from



answering telephones, ordering supplies, data input and type tests, to setting up class registrations and organizing workshops or department meetings. She also had the significant job of keeping track of deadlines and making sure that the geology department was up to par with the rest of the academic departments.

“Mrs. Delawder is mostly essential to the department as a whole, but her presence does benefit individual professors as well,” said Assistant Geology Professor L. Scott Eaton. “She takes many phone calls and dispatches them to the respective professors, often at times when the student may have been unable to reach the professor directly. Metaphorically speaking, the department secretary is the hub that keeps the department’s wheels turning.”

Aside from her routine tasks and general office work, Delawder essentially acted as the middleman between professors, teaching assistants and students. Often, if professors needed to distribute information to their students, or if students would need to get in contact with their professors, Delawder would be the person to see. Because she kept track of so many details, Delawder may have often been the most informed member of the department.

Aside from being informed and organized, the department secretary also had the job of being friendly and helpful. Although actual customers were not a factor in an academic department, being well-trained in customer service skills helped Delawder to be understanding when assisting students or professors.

According to Eaton, it was important for the department secretary to be helpful, because “the front office is the first thing that people from outside the department actually see. Mrs. Delawder essentially gives people the larger impression of the department as a whole.”

The department secretary’s office was not only a place to seek help for virtually anything related to the geology department, but it would not be uncommon to see at least one student, teaching assistant, or professor sitting and chatting with Delawder about everyday issues. Some professors even consulted with students in the office, making it a place of open communication for all.

“The secretary’s office is always a place for friendly interaction,” said Eaton. “Mrs. Delawder tends to attract people to her because she is very mothering, and she has a kind and listening ear. There is definitely an open-door policy in her office, so not only can students come to consult her, but they also have a place to openly chat with other faculty and staff.”

“[Mrs. Delawder] knows more about the students than probably anyone else in the department,” said Assistant Geology Professor Steve J. Baedke. “Especially if either students or faculty are having personal

issues, she is usually aware of the circumstances, and is sure to pass the word on to other faculty and staff to help keep everyone informed and on the right track.”

Much of the time, Delawder was so busy that she worked straight through the day without pausing. “I generally don’t take a lunch break because there are constant things to deal with, and I simply don’t have time,” Delawder said. “I know what needs to be done [around the office], and often, I don’t have time to fit all the work in otherwise.”

Delawder had been with the University since 1988, where she was also doing secretarial work. She began looking for other opportunities within the institution, hoping for a change of pace. The posting for the geology department secretary came about over the internet, and Delawder received the position in 1995.

According to Baedke, “the [geology] department is at the size that almost everyone knows each other.” Baedke also said that he was “fairly confident that Sandie knows every one of the geology majors by name, as well as whatever else may be going on in their lives.”

“I really enjoy working with the geology department, particularly because it is so small compared to the other departments, and everyone I work with is just so friendly,” Delawder said. “Everyone here seems to get along really well and they are honestly just a good bunch of people.”

After tackling a to-do list that would frighten most, Delawder could enjoy a sense of accomplishment that can only be felt after experiencing a job well done. Over the course of the day, she had handled such tasks as responding to emails, assisting students in contacting professors, making thousands of photocopies, answering the telephone and rearranging a department trophy display case.

“I enjoy what I do and I work hard to make sure everything is done right,” said Delawder. “But my work is done when I walk out the door.”

It was clear to the students and faculty of the geology department that Delawder was an asset to the department, not just as a secretary, but in the community sense of the department. She assisted everyone by taking care of office work, establishing interaction and offering personal advice.

“I honestly could not imagine what this department would be like without the job of the department secretary,” said Baedke. “[Delawder] is the central line of communication between the front office, the faculty, the staff and the students. It would be very hard for the department to operate without her and coordinating such things as scheduling of classes would be much more difficult. Mrs. Delawder is the one that makes it all happen.”

A day in the life of a...

Graduating Senior

Erin Lee

Exercising, going to class and studying. That was a typical day in the life of graduating senior Matt Brownlee. He showed the typical stereotypes for being a senior, as he spent a great deal of time trying to figure out what he would do for the rest of his life or just for the following year.

"I think he twiddles his thumbs all day away from home because we don't see him until the late hours of the night," said Andrew Hart, Brownlee's roommate of three years.

Brownlee's day usually began at 7 a.m. with a dip in the UREC pool. After his morning swim, he headed to class, studied and then ate lunch on campus. After eating, Brownlee would go back to UREC for an hour to lift and run. He then went home for dinner followed by more schoolwork. After accomplishing the day's activities, Brownlee liked to relax at a friend's apartment, watch sports and perhaps enjoy a drink.

Brownlee's biggest goal of his last year was coming up with the senior gift. He was Student Director for the Senior Class Challenge, which was the annual gift-giving campaign from the graduating class. Money was collected from January to March and the check was presented to University President Linwood Rose at May commencement.

"I became involved in senior class challenge when Sheila Williams, who is the assistant director of the Madison Fund, got in contact with me. I was recommended to her by my friend Katie Coleman, who thought I would do a good job," he said.

Brownlee stayed busy throughout his four years as a college student. He was involved in the National Honors Fraternity Phi Sigma Pi, the Student Duke Club, Triathlon Club and was a senior writer for the Breeze sports section. Through his school activities, he also trained for marathons and triathlons.

In addition, he organized a three-mile race for Phi Sigma Pi, to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis and the Megan Stidham scholarship fund. Stidham was a brother who passed away in 2001. Brownlee was able to get Runner's World Magazine involved as well as many other sponsors to help out, which proved to be successful.

"I was absolutely thrilled with the success of the race this year. We raised \$5,000 total, more than doubling last years' total, and I hope to see its success continue next year when someone else is in charge," he said.

At least a few hours a day were spent doing some form of exercise, from swimming, to lifting, to running. He would compete in the Collegiate



Lifting weights, senior Matt Brownlee maintains his physical fitness at UREC. Brownlee worked out at UREC at least three times a week.

[Photo by Clare Burchard]

National Championships in Arizona with the Triathlon Club in April. Unsure as to what he would do post-graduation, he had thought intensely about where he saw himself in the future. Torn between graduate school, getting a job and traveling in Europe or Australia, he realized that was the only time in his life where he will have no commitments, of which he hoped to take advantage.

"I'm leaning toward traveling outside of the country and staying away from the real world for as long as possible," he said.

Hart agreed with him, "Next year, I can see Matt going overseas to Australia or Europe, or maybe just sticking around Harrisonburg."

Although he hadn't started applying to graduate schools, Brownlee said, "I have started taking the initial steps in finding a job, just in case, because there is a lot of uncertainty with me right now."

However, Brownlee did not stress about the whole process. Sophomore Dana Casendino, his little brother in Phi Sigma Pi, said, "He doesn't really stress too much, that's one of his better qualities. I would say he always makes sure he puts 100 percent of himself into what he does. He just likes to make sure he's always challenging himself."

When it comes to the weekend, Brownlee always manages to have a good time, like his fellow college students. "During the day, I spend as much time as possible outside, running, playing football or baseball and even camping. Then at night I go out with friends," he said.

As far as classes go, Brownlee managed to study and get his work done. As a Sports Management major, he spent most of his time in Godwin and Zane Showker Halls.

"I go to all my classes, because I think when you miss class it's wasting your own money, putting you at a disadvantage when test time rolls around, and it's also disrespectful to the professor," he said.

Dr. Mike Saunders was one of Brownlee's professors in kinesiology. He enjoyed having him in the classroom because he said Brownlee was a good student and was enthusiastic about learning.

Saunders said, "I can envision him working with clients or athletes in a sport-specific setting, or pursuing graduate studies; I am certain that whatever route he takes, physical activity will remain an important part of his daily regimen."

Casendino agreed that Brownlee was very motivated to succeed. She said, "His best quality is his determination and will to succeed and his ability to pass on that motivation to others."

Brownlee said he would really miss not being at the University the following year. He said there were great resources here that he used throughout his college career from UREC to his professors.

"JMU is really comfortable and what happens next is uncertain and I guess part of that is exciting. But, it's a really supportive atmosphere here that is geared to help you succeed because when you're gone, it's up to you," he said.

Brownlee said that he learned that anyone could learn something from everyone here, from strangers to your friends.

Saunders said, "Matt's enthusiasm will be missed by his professors in the classroom, and I am sure he will be missed by many friends around campus. However, in order to grow, we all have to move on eventually."



Looking over figures, senior Matt Brownlee sees how much money his fellow seniors have raised for the senior class challenge. The senior class challenge asked seniors to make donations for a gift to give back to the school.
[Photo by Clare Burchard]

Having a grim future, Anthony-Seeger Hall is under consideration for demolition. The building housed The Bluestone, The Breeze, WXJM, The Writer's Program and The Young Children's Program.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

ANTHONY- Seeger

changes due in near future

Kristin Short

Built in 1958, Anthony-Seeger Hall changed its role on campus over time. Named for Katherine M. Anthony and Mary Louis Seeger, both elementary education faculty members at the University and directors of the training school, Anthony-Seeger was used as a model school for teacher training. While still under the title Madison College, the elementary school was operated by the University, but was considered part of the Harrisonburg school system.

University students used this area as a training center to learn how to be the most effective elementary school teachers possible. All of the fulltime teachers at the school were University faculty. Education students observed veteran primary and elementary teachers. "Because of the quality of the educational opportunities for pupils, there was a heavy demand among parents for their children to be enrolled in the school. It was not uncommon for children to be placed on the school's waiting list when

they were infants," Director of University Relations Fred Hilton said. He also added that education officials attempted to make certain the school represented a broad spectrum of the societal population. There was one classroom for each grade, kindergarten through sixth. In its first year running, Anthony-Seeger held 175 students and in 1982, its last year of operation, there were 130 students enrolled.

In 1982, Anthony-Seeger was discontinued as a model school and changed from being Anthony-Seeger Campus School to Anthony-Seeger Hall. The Virginia General Assembly decided to close down the campus school because the state funds could no longer support it. They also closed down similar campus schools at other colleges, such as Longwood College and Virginia State University.

After this change, Anthony-Seeger became the home to many University classes and faculty offices for what was then called the School of Fine Arts and Communications. For a few years, the School of Media Arts and Design occupied the building. However, SMAD classes were later moved from Anthony-Seeger to other locations around campus. "Large numbers of SMAD students crossing Main Street to the rest of campus created a safety hazard for students and created traffic congestion," Hilton said.

Then, many University media outlets were located in the building. The Breeze could be found in the basement, The Bluestone was found on the main floor and WXJM was near The Bluestone.

Eventually it was decided that Anthony-Seeger, along with other University-owned buildings on Main Street were going to be reconstructed to build a new theatre and dance facility. This new construction would cost nearly \$30 million.

In the winter of 2003, the University received a 2.5 million dollar donation towards the reconstruction effort of Anthony-Seeger Hall. Charles Estes donated the gift in honor of his wife, Dorothy Thomasson Estes whom the new building would be named for. She was a Madison College graduate from the class of 1945.

President of the University, Linwood Rose said in a speech, "The Dorothy Thomasson Estes Center for Theatre and Dance will permanently



Formerly an elementary school, Anthony-Seeger Hall served as a practicum for education majors in the 1960's. In 1982 the building was changed to house classes for the University.
[Courtesy of Carrier Library Special Collections]





honor the memory of a dear friend and devoted alumna of our university. [She] was a compassionate, caring woman who truly loved children and was devoted to her family.” He also said that the school was very grateful of Estes’ generous gift and would be vital to the future of the University.

That was not the first time the Estes family had donated to the University. They had made several contributions including donations to build the fountain in Newman Lake, as well as start the Estes Scholarship for outstanding students. The scholarship was formed in 1991.

According to Hilton, the new building would have classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, dance studios, instructional theatres and support space of more than 108,000 square-feet. It would also include a theatre to seat 450 people for staged plays and dance and musical theatre productions. Along with this, a music performance center would also be built adjacent to the theatre and dance building for a recital hall for music students.

Students said that this building would be much more efficient for them because when preparing for a production they would not have to run all over campus to find the person that they needed. They would all be in the same building. The theatre and dance departments were spread throughout campus in Godwin and Duke Hall as well as Theatre II.

Former Dean of College of Arts and Letters, Richard Whitman said that the new building would bring the school together under one roof and will help the “fine academic programs with lousy facilities [to become] a national program with national recognition.”

Hilton also said, “students in theatre, dance and music programs must currently use facilities that don’t match the quality of the programs. These buildings will be a great step forward for JMU and its programs in the performing arts.”

Hilton also added that there are a number of considerations for the media outlets that were located in the building, but no final decision had been made about where they would go during construction and after the final product was built. Students in those media sources had mixed feelings about the move.

Junior WXJM Traffic Director and DJ Brett Berman said, “They have got to keep it close to campus because freshman involvement is vital to keeping these programs like newspaper, yearbook and radio running because if you don’t get new workers, it ends and everyone graduates.”

Aleigh Steedman, senior and WXJM DJ said she was confident that the media outlets would not be done away with, but that the history of the building would be missed. “Hopefully a new building for us would bring new publicity. We are not well supplied and don’t have nice space so hopefully we will get something nicer.”

Even though Anthony-Seeger would no longer be standing, its place in the University’s history would never be forgotten.





Parents Weekend

| showing mom and dad where their money goes |

Allowing their children to take a break, parents of members of the Contemporary Gospel Singers perform a spontaneous song. The group, including senior Justin Robinson's grandmother headlining, with sang, "This Little Light of Mine." [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

A part of "A Dazzling Night of Music," the Symphony Orchestra performs at the Parents Weekend Pops Concert. Conducted by Robert McCashin, the orchestra was made up of 75 musicians and traveled through the Mid-Atlantic.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Julianne Zavacky

On the weekend of October 31st through November 2nd, the University seemed to take full advantage of the gorgeous, out-of-season weather Harrisonburg had. Amidst the ghosts and goblins of the weekend's Halloween festivities, another variety of characters not normally found on-campus: parents. It was the University's annual Parents Weekend and swarms of them flocked to various facilities to participate in this fall event.

The weekend's festivities started with a bang as the sold-out performance of Leahy took the stage of Wilson Hall Friday night. Four brothers and five sisters from Canada performed this eclectic mix of folk, rock, country, Celtic and classical music. The group sang, danced and played a variety of musical instruments to help welcome parents to the University, all in true University fashion.

In addition to this energetic performance, parents were welcomed with Delta Gamma sorority's annual Anchor Splash in PC Ballroom. This philanthropic event benefited the Delta Gamma Foundation as well as Service for Sight, aiding those that are visually impaired. Parents and students alike came out to watch the pageant candidates compete for Mr. or Ms. Anchor Splash.

On Saturday, parents were almost overwhelmed by the amount of activities to do. From hikes in George Washington National Forest, to academic receptions at each of the University's main colleges of concentration, the day was filled with fun and educational activities. The Godwin Field Festival proved to be a highlight of the day, with everything from dance music to an a la carte barbecue to entertain the masses. Student groups and commercial vendors came out to show parent support and advertise their causes, and informational sessions were held for parents with questions about the school.

Activities such as the Field Festival provided ample time for students and their parents to learn more about the school over the weekend. UREC even offered special sessions on their climbing wall, as well as guided facility and program tours. Junior Leanne Chambers commented that she took her family to UREC "so my parents could see it because they had never been before. They were really impressed!" These were quite popular for parents wanting to see what the health benefits of the university's recreational center were and everything that it has to offer students.

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority took a different route, offering parents and students a way to make a difference with their 5K run for breast cancer. Many organizations looked at the weekend not only as a way to get their name out there, but also as a way to collect funds for various philanthropies and areas of need.

For parents staying close to the game plenty of activities were offered to keep them entertained. Carrier Library had a benefit book sale on the

Carrier Library patio. Miller Hall's planetarium held a noon showing for eager parents and children. Freshman Chris Johnson-Hutton said that his parents "really liked the landscaping around campus, especially on the quad. [Dad] said he had a really good time." Even Gibbons Hall participated in the day's events with a picnic on the Commons. The gorgeous weather was perfect for this outside event, as parents and family ate together under the shade of Warren Hall on picnic tables specially brought in for the meal.

But not all students used these activities as the only means of entertainment for their family. Freshman Annie Czapp said of her parents, "It was exciting to show them around campus because they haven't really walked through campus since I've started school." Chambers agreed, saying "I was excited to show them around not just JMU, but Harrisonburg as well. A lot has changed since they were last here, so it was fun to show them around. We also went to Skyline Drive, since it was such a gorgeous day to check out the views, which was really beautiful."

Once parents and students had a chance to catch up and visit the more interesting features of the University and Harrisonburg, many chose to attend the annual Parents Weekend football game, hosted for the University of Rhode Island Rams. There the sold out crowd was treated to a stunning presentation as the Dukes won 39-27. Preceding kick-off, the Student Ambassadors presented the Outstanding Parent award among the crowd of 12,500 people.

Later, parents and students had a variety of events to choose from to wind down. Many attended the Gibbons Hall Gala Dinner, a closed dining experience in the heart of campus. "[It] was definitely a different D-hall experience," Czapp said. "They had it all decorated and cleared our plates for us, and the food was different. I think JMU did a pretty good job."

Afterward, the Parents Weekend Pops Concert dazzled audiences by showcasing the talents of students in the School of Music. The JMU Chorale, the Jazz Ensemble, the Symphony Orchestra and the Marching Royal Dukes all took the Convocation Center stage. "The Pops Concert is a concert that the music program put on for the parents," Johnson-Hutton said. "I was glad [we had that opportunity] because I felt like [my Dad] should know what I do every day. I'm not able to call him that much because I'm always so busy with music stuff."

This event was just one event of many designed to let students show their parents how their time at the university was going and what things they were involved in. It brought a healthy close to the evening, and was followed by a slow and sunny Sunday for students to say farewell to their families.



Escaping the crowds at the football game, students take the opportunity to bring their parents to the bookstore. Parents Weekend was a profitable event, as parents bought sweatshirts, hats and other University apparel.
 [Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

Letting their dad pay for their food, a family awaits their meal ticket to the Picnic on the Commons. The lunch was held before the football game.
 [Photo by Clare Burchard]



Stopping the run, junior linebacker Kwynn Walton tackles his Rhode Island opponent. The Parents Weekend game was a 39-27 victory for the Dukes.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Performing in Wilson Hall, *Donnell and Siobheann Leahy* bring dance, music and a Celtic flavor to Parents Weekend. The Canadian group previously toured with Shania Twain.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]





Singing at A Capella Thon, sophomore Susan Clark solos for "Low Key." The event for parents featured all the a capella groups for only two dollars. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]

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Angela Norcross

In the past, most racing fans would associate NASCAR sponsors with multi-million dollar corporations and big name commercial brands such as Tide, Mello Yellow or Goodyear. The thought of a car bearing the purple and gold paint scheme of the University would have never been taken seriously. That changed when Hermie Sadler of Sadler Motor Sports approached James Madison University, Virginia Tech, The University of Virginia and Virginia Commonwealth University with an idea for a program that would allow each school to participate in the 2003/2004 NASCAR Winston Cup series at absolutely no cost. The schools came together to form "Go Team Virginia," a promotion designed to increase awareness for college athletic programs and help build future partnerships between Sadler, the universities and their fans. "We looked at it as a neat

guy to work with. It's just been fabulous. Right now, we are trying to enhance the program to get him more towards the front of the pack," explained Edmondson. Sadler started his career at age ten, racing go-karts. At age 19 he won the World Karting Association Championship. He moved on to late model stock cars in the NASCAR Winston Racing series at South Boston Speedway for four seasons until he made it to the Busch series. In 1993, Sadler was named NASCAR's rookie-of-the-year and has since carried on a distinguished career. Sadler had close ties to the University through his brother and fellow NASCAR driver Elliott Sadler, a former student and basketball player. "The fact that my younger brother attended JMU was certainly a factor in approaching JMU for the program. I visited JMU when Elliott was a student and I loved it.

jmu NASCAR

| JMU picks up speed with a spot on the NASCAR circuit |

tie to reach faculty, staff and alumni. It's a good way to gain supporters, not just for me, Hermie Sadler, but also for NASCAR," said Sadler at the November 1st, "Meet The Dukes" event held in Godwin Hall.

What better way to promote college athletics and raise money than with NASCAR? From humble beginnings on the flat sandy beaches of Daytona to the mega speedways capable of holding hundreds of thousands of people, NASCAR grew into America's largest spectator sport. A recent Gallup poll stated that over 28 percent of all Americans were die-hard NASCAR fans and most major races in the year 2002 drew larger crowds than the Super Bowl, World Series and NBA finals combined. Throw in massive network television coverage and you have the kind of high profile exposure in which positive results were guaranteed.

Under the program, each school was given the opportunity to individually promote and raise money for their athletic programs, while also providing many students with a chance to gain big time sports marketing experience. "It is a way of selling advertising that is very unique," said Brad Edmondson, director of marketing for University athletics. "We're glad to have the opportunity." The promotion also gave businesses the ability to partner directly with the University as opposed to NASCAR and plans were in the works to illicit the involvement of alumni donors. "We have five or six corporations and businesses interested in joining on as partners for next year, which is very positive because the sales season doesn't start until January," explained Edmondson.

Taking the wheel of the car was none other than Sadler Motors Sports owner and native Virginian, Sadler himself. "It's been great. He's a great

The people at the school are nice and Harrisonburg is full of great people and fans," explained Sadler. When asked why he chose universities throughout Virginia, he responded by saying, "My first car was the Virginia Lottery car and my second was Virginia is for Lovers. I have always been involved with hometown promotions." Not only was Sadler a successful racecar driver, but he also excelled as a business man. He owned a string of car dealerships in Franklin, Emporia and South Hill, Virginia.

Virginia Governor Mark Warner was present during a March 19 press conference in Richmond. In coalition with "Go Team Virginia," Warner helped unveil the new car, designed by graphic designer Scott Trobaugh of the university advancement office. "Virginia and NASCAR have gone together forever," said Warner. "Virginia hosts the largest number of Winston Cup events in any one state – six, and this program allows our universities and students to learn more about sports marketing at the NASCAR level." Warner played an important public relations role with the program and helped bring attention to the promotion to get it off the ground.

On October 19th, the JMU car made its debut at the Martinsville Speedway in the Subway 500. The race was televised on NBC and was widely publicized throughout the country, due to some of Sadler's evasive strategies to avoid collision during the race. "NASCAR has a nightly show hosted by a JMU grad so we got attention there. A TV station in Indianapolis talked about Hermie and the car for 5 minutes. It's been positive and there has been a lot of good publicity," said Edmondson. When asked what kind of reaction the car got at the race he re-

sponsored by saying "Across the state, I've had positive comments. It's another event for JMU people to follow. It's been great." Sadler finished the race placing 30th, behind Rusty Wallace's Miller Light car.

In its first year, the "Go Team Virginia" promotion was considered by many to be a success and the program was expected to continue. "The partnership is only for two years and we are in year one," explained Edmondson. "We are in an area that is very NASCAR savvy so people flock to it and want to be involved. It's just great," he added. Edmondson also worked with Sadler in an effort to make the program more student oriented. Students were able to join Go Team Virginia for a fee of 65 dollars plus shipping and handling. Edmondson also lobbied Sadler for allowing students to join the "Go Team Virginia" fan club by paying via JAC card. Many hoped the program would continue to bring recognition to the University for years to come, making the campus known to the nation and encouraging purple pride.

After an unsuccessful attempt to fit into the newly sponsored race car, the Duke Dog settles for just posing in front of the car. Complete with purple and gold paint and a picture of the Duke Dog on either side, the car served as the perfect symbol of spirit.

[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]



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[Photos by Emily Dursa]

INTERNATIONAL

Students

| adjusting to American and JMU life |

Nataliya Laptik

Originally from: Ukraine

The USA was a country of opportunity. I was very lucky to be here. I was fond of people's friendliness here, their willingness to help and their politeness. Every day I learn something new and I gained a unique experience. Every day for me here was a new challenge, new impression, new discovery. I enjoyed meeting people, learning from them the peculiarities of American culture, accomplishing my outlook and making new friends.

At first I had a tough time. The system of education was completely different from the one in my country. It took me some time to get adjusted to it. We don't register for our classes in my country; we already know what courses we are going to study until the senior year. We didn't have optional subjects in my university.

Also, one had to choose his major while entering the university, because we have a lot of universities for narrow specialization (teachers training or medical). So, a student had to determine his future right after graduation from school and in my country we graduated from high school when we were 16 or 17.

That is why the University's flexibility really appealed to me. I liked that much attention was paid to the student's personality, his individual skills, abilities, wishes and needs. I really appreciated the program of academic advising here.

I couldn't help but admire the area the University is located in. The campus was really beautiful and in the most picturesque place.

I enjoyed all the classes I had. The University gave me an opportunity to study the things I always wanted to. Moreover, I had a lot of space for creative work and independent projects. I valued every day I spent here.

Afag Huseynli

From Azerbaijanian

America had always been a country of opportunities. I'd dreamed of coming here since my childhood and I was planning to come here. This plan was accomplished when I was chosen as a finalist for one of the exchange programs, (Freedom Support Act Undergraduate Program/IREX).

My new life here began. I started to think about my future—I realized what I wanted to do, because you see a lot of opportunities and when you are willing to make changes to do something new; this is the best way to prepare for the achievement of your plans.

I had very good experiences here. The most important thing was that people here were ready to help me any time. I feel like they were waiting for me to come and ask them.

The food was a problem for me for the first month. This was not because people here eat different food, but the way it was cooked and mixed with different things that makes it taste different. I was always looking for something that I used to eat, though it never tasted the same. Of course, I would never prefer my food—Azerbaijani food to this.

The very different thing for me was that you could choose whatever subject you wanted to learn. In my country, as in all post-soviet countries, you knew exactly what you'd study, whether you liked it or not.

I remember for one of my classes, which was taught to international students, we discussed some issues with American students. We talked about how things were different in our respective countries and talked about the drinking age in each. When I was asked what the drinking age in my country was, I said that I didn't know. I don't drink and this seemed very surprising to all of them. In a Muslim country like Azerbaijan, it's not a usual case for girls to drink.

I love how it's green everywhere because it reminds of my country and there are not so many high buildings here in Harrisonburg.

The other thing I've learned was how much a weekend means to Americans. You can rarely find an Azeri making plans for the weekend. Here, as soon as the week began, I was looking forward to the weekend. People here usually had hard, tiresome weekdays and you have to make plans and keep a calendar in order to know what you have to do for a day. In my country we don't do that.

Thomas Snaaijer

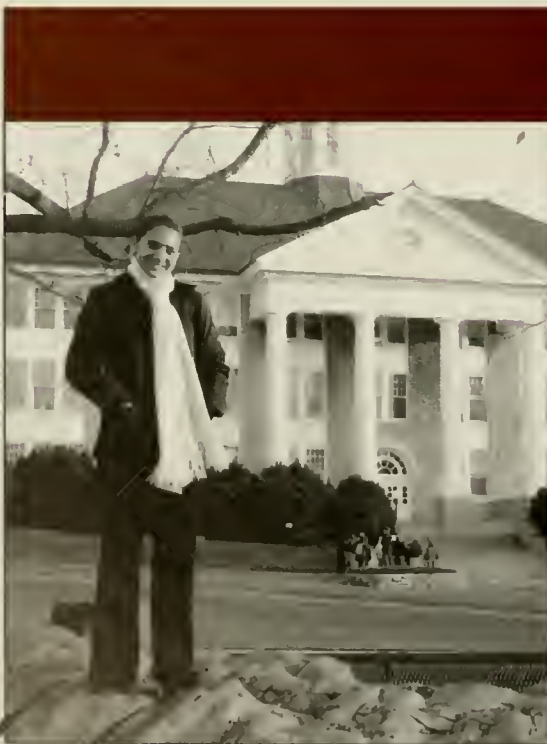
Originally from: Zoetermeer, The Netherlands.

Numerous people told me the first couple of days would be a bit scary here. Another language, different people, another continent even. When I arrived at Eagle Hall on a Sunday night, I was a bit overwhelmed. My dorm was next to a football field the size of a small Dutch premier league (soccer) team's stadium. My dorm was completely empty except for the RAs and some band people. The first students I met were international, so there was no real opportunity for a culture shock to kick in. On Wednesday, however, when 3,000 new students and their SUVs invaded, I started to feel a bit uncomfortable again. Playing icebreakers helped a

bit. I wanted for the next school year I wish had a college like in my country and classes finally began. I was a bit worried about whether I would be able to keep up with American students, being slightly disadvantaged with English as a second language. Luckily that was not the case; most of my classes were easy to follow.

Just like any other student, I had to make some adjustments. Normally, I would take my bike and take a 10-minute ride to school. Going to the mall was five minutes on that same bike. Here everybody has a car, mainly of course because the distances are much further. Everywhere I really needed to go was within range of riding there with my bike. Where my hallmates missed their cars, I missed riding my bike. Home cooked meals were on my list, too. Dutch food was certainly not a delicatessen, but I rarely ate that. Thai, Italian, or Chinese were mostly served back home.

The thing that I really like about the environment the University created was the fact that you could pretty much do anything you wanted. You were encouraged to talk to your professors, ask them questions, basically get involved in as many things as possible. If you wanted to work out at UREC, that was fine. If you wanted to do research on the sustainability of fuel cells for the future, then there was an opportunity for you to do that, even as a freshman. There was more diversity in both social, academic and recreational aspects of the University.



[Photos by Emily Dursa]

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Nataliya

Madison week

celebrating the birthday of our founding father

Nicole Maier

He was the fourth president of our nation, the father of the Constitution and the man in which the University was named for. So it seems quite reasonable to dedicate a whole week in March to him. “[This] is a time that we are given the opportunity to step back for a moment and reflect on what this man did for us as citizens of a great nation,” said Associate Vice President of the Office of University Relations Glenda Rooney. James Madison Week celebrated what he gave to the country, its people and the University.

In the past the school had Founder’s Day, which was to celebrate the opening of the University. It was not until a few years ago Madison Week was developed to take its place. The “goal was to make the week special and celebrate the University’s association with James Madison,” said Associate Vice President for University Relations Philip Bigler. It was also to “recognize the importance of active and informed citizenship.”

Throughout the week, different events open to the public were held to achieve this goal. A Commemorative Debate and Citizen Forum was held to discuss the Patriot Act(s) and debate whether they were an infringement on civil liberties. The University debate team along with teams from the University of Pittsburg, Richmond and William & Mary competed for the James Madison Cup. The cup rotated from winning team to team each year. This year though, it went to the Dukes debaters. According to Rooney, the event was so popular that she felt there may have to be a qualifying round for schools in the future.

The discussion of the acts helped students and the public express and better comprehend different sides of an important argument. “So often we simply adopt opinions because they are fashionable or easy to understand,” stated Director of University Management Andy Perrine. “But really understanding the political basis of our free society is [the] first step to being truly informed. I hope that by celebrating Madison Week some of our students will discover this, too.”

Other events included a Wreath Laying ceremony by the James Madison statue outside Varner Hall. The ceremony was to recognize Madison’s 252nd birthday. Mark Warner, the senior vice president of student affairs, and Levar Stoney, SGA president, made speeches, along with the reading of the winning student essay about Madison. The celebration included cake for the 400 people Rooney estimated to be at the event.

A third event was a speech given by Former Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh, Jr. He was “a good friend of the University,” said Rooney.

“Because of his background with government, he seemed to be a natural fit to have at the ceremony.” According to Bigler, in the speech Marsh discussed various issues in the world including how to balance security and liberty. He encouraged the University to continue to look at Madison’s life as an example.

The week was devoted to trying to do just that. “Given that the University’s mission says that we are dedicated to preparing citizens, increasing awareness of the man who has such an important role in creating the basis for our government is a worthwhile idea—especially in light of the strong opinions Madison held about the importance of education to a free society,” said Perrine.

Madison was and continued to be an important role model to people. He gave the United States a document that allowed us to make decisions and run a country for over 200 years. “That is incredible and he was the father of that document,” Rooney said in awe.

“Madison lived an exemplary life,” said Bigler. He hoped that students use Madison as a role model in their own lives.

The week helped make many people feel honored to have their university named after this man. “I am also an alumnus of JMU and celebrating Madison makes me proud,” said Perrine.



Debating over the Patriot Act, senior Cate Morrison competes against Mary Washington University, the University of Pittsburg, and the University of Richmond. The University received a victory for this event during its Madison Week. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Presiding over the dedication of a wreath to celebrate James Madison's 252nd birthday, Senior Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Warner speaks. Madison Week was dedicated to commemorate the life and accomplishments of James Madison. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Restaurants

| students take advantage of local eateries |

Julianne Zavacky

As with any routine, the homework and drudgery that was college life could get anyone down at some point or another. Fortunately, once students got acclimated to the life of Harrisonburg, they also got familiarized with the town itself. For years, students from all of the nearby colleges had matriculated at the area's attractions. Harrisonburg may not have been a big city, but it had places for those who enjoyed the cinema, the outdoors, such activities as go-karting and biking, or a night on the town. The most popular of all of these things was, of course, food.

Senior Will Brown said, "I've learned to trust the off-campus eateries. They've never really done me wrong and I always walk away with a pleasant experience and a full stomach." That full stomach feeling was easy to find. Harrisonburg had an eclectic mix of eateries and restaurant hot spots—from coffee bars and breakfast buffets to wine and dine facilities. For years students had gone to these restaurants as a distraction from the less exciting aspects of college life. With the opening of Harrisonburg Crossing, students found themselves bombarded with even more shopping and dining choices than usual. But despite the increase in competition, most of the popular places to find college kids did not change.

Being served at the window, customers wait for their ice cream. 2003 marked the 60th anniversary for Harrisonburg's famous dairy bar, Kline's.

[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]



Taking an order, senior Sean Galdo works at Spanky's. Spanky's was popular for its themed rooms and arcade. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

As any young person around town would know, the morning wasn't exactly the most popular, student-friendly time of day in Harrisonburg. In the grand tradition of college life, most students avoided getting up before noon as often as possible. But on those occasions when they had to, Mr. J's Bagels and Deli was the place to go. It accommodated student needs as well as served the general Harrisonburg community. Each location was decorated with a unique mural and a menu that boasted not only traditional breakfast bagels and platters, but deli items, salads and even signature sandwiches. "It's a great place, and a really fun environment," said senior Buddy Goodwyn.

If breakfast wasn't the first choice of someone looking to dine around town, Jess's Quick Lunch was another affordable option. Serving at diner-style facilities, this chain had been around for years, serving guests while letting them watch through the open kitchen windows. The restaurant stuck to simple, popular dishes such as hot dogs, grilled cheese and burgers, and catered to those on the run with a drive-through window at one of their locations. But not all students had the same restaurant opportunity. "It's so much harder for freshmen to eat off campus than it is for upperclassmen because it takes so much more effort. Most of us don't have the luxury of just jumping in our cars and going out," said freshman Christina Veltsistas. "A sit-down restaurant would be nice every once in a while."

There were many sit-down restaurants around town as well. Spanky's had been one of Harrisonburg's most popular dining spots for years, featuring custom sandwiches with names like the "Henrietta" and "Custer's Last Stand." "Spanky's has such a great atmosphere with all sorts of crazy memorabilia, plus the food is great," said sophomore Sandy Lawson. It generally served lighter meals, but students went for the experience alone. Almost every inch of the place was covered with scratches and marks from customers over time, which gave Spanky's a feeling of antiquity and history in the lives of students.

For those wanting a more indie feel, the Artful Dodger was the stop for them. Not only was it an eclectic coffee and dessert bar, but also recently turned into a quiet nightlife spot by serving alcoholic beverages after hours. Customers went for the unique coffee blends, and stayed for the comfortable couches and interesting artistry showcased there. Senior Andrew Thomasen commented that, "it is a relaxing atmosphere with

an excellent coffee selection. A good place to chill in times of stress, hang out with friends, or study for a test." The Artful Dodger also sold some of the artwork that it showcased. "It is a good display of artistic talent found in the Harrisonburg area," said Thomasen. It was hard to walk into the quiet coffee bar without noticing the extensive collection of local art from the community.

Harrisonburg also offered eateries satisfying the more reserved diners. The Little Grill Collective was another long-standing University tradition in town. A local restaurant open since the 1930s, it was now home to wholesome and vegan foods. "It is definitely a unique place. It is the first one that my mom and I visited when I came to look at the campus," said junior Kelly Koerber. "It not only has a fun atmosphere with food that is delicious, but it also has live music some nights. Plus, they do the soup kitchen on Mondays, which is a great way to get involved in the community."

Each Monday, Little Grill opened their doors to "Anyone in the World," as their advertisement stated. It was free food served by volunteers to anyone who wanted to eat. In addition, anyone could choose to help serve or clean up, and there were no strings attached. But whether folks wanted to dine in the free meal atmosphere or the pleasant, quiet "Peace and Love" collective that served homemade foods daily, Little Grill was certainly a place unique to Harrisonburg.

Despite all the diversity and options for the college students around town, none satisfied the masses quite as well as Kline's Dairy Bar. Featuring only three flavors a week made in the "continual freeze" technique, few would expect this old-fashioned dessert bar to stay popular. Yet, it had been open since 1943 and was now a cult classic among college students of the area. "I have an alumni friend who likes their pumpkin ice cream so much that I'm buying a half gallon for her to keep until next time she comes to visit," said Lawson. The various flavors of the week were so popular that Kline's produced a seasonal weekly pocket-sized menu for the more fanatical customers. Brown commented, "It's like once a week they send down a different little portion of heaven in ice cream form for people to eat. Both yummy and delicious." It seemed that although Harrisonburg had many different options for the food lovers among us, the child within always came first, and what better way to satisfy him than with Kline's.



Enjoying the hospitality, Harrisonburg residents visit the Little Grill Soup Kitchen. The Little Grill was located on South Main Street past downtown Harrisonburg. [Photo by Kate Sawyer]

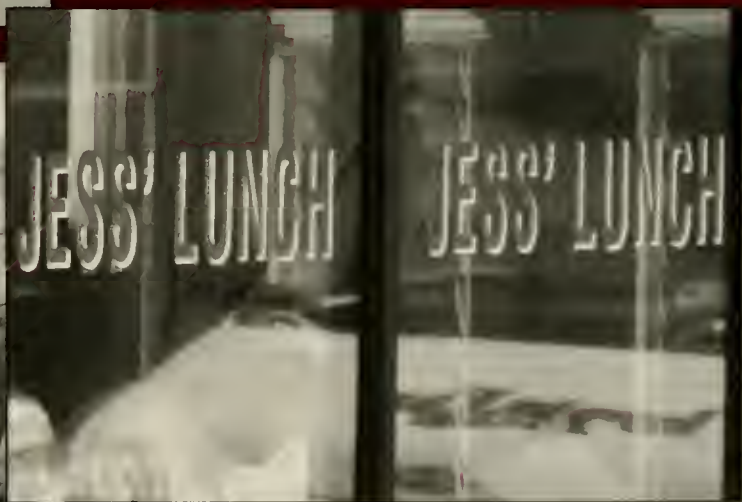
Overlooking court square, the mural outside of the Artful Dodger is a part of the cafe's charm. The Artful Dodger served coffee by day, and alcohol by night. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Overlooking South Main Street, Jess' Quick Lunch is Open every day of the year. The restaurant served fast and affordable lunches such as hamburgers and hot dogs. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Taking an order, senior Lauren Paradise works at Mr. J's. Mr. J's served breakfast all day, and was opened at six in the morning. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Showing the results of years of decorating, a table at Spanky's has turned into a piece of art. Spanky's served over 50 types of sandwiches. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



take back the night

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students speak out against women's violence

Nicole Maier

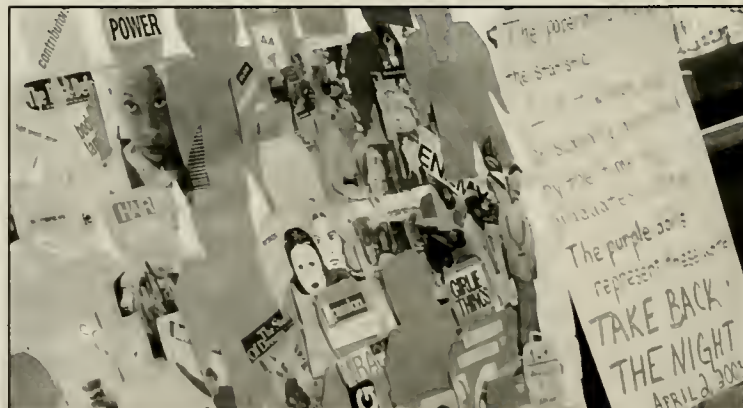


Speaking on "How Sexual Assault Affects Men," senior Dave Ross and junior Jay Fabian, members of One in Four, present during Take Back the Night. One in Four, an entirely male organization, played an active role in both take Back the Night and educating the community on how men can support the women they know who have been assaulted

(Photo by Morgan Riehl)

Displaying words and drawings of empowerment, an advertisement for take Back the Night reflected that sexual assault affects men and women of all races. The event featured speakers, stories from survivors in the crowd, and a candle lite march to symbolize the efforts against violence

(Photo by Morgan Riehl)



Each minute 1.3 women are raped in the United States. That results in 78 rapes per hour, 1,872 rapes each day, and 683,280 each year. On April 2, statistics became a reality. Take Back the Night was an evening dedicated to bringing the truths of sexual assault into the open.

Take Back the Night originated in 1976 in Belgium when women banded together in an event called the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women. Together they walked with candles to protest the ways in which violence permeate the lives of women worldwide. Since then, Take Back the Night has been held annually in the United States on a number of days throughout the spring. Women still held marches and rallies globally as their predecessors did over 25 years ago.

As the sunset and the day came to a close, the night was just beginning for those gathering for the Take Back the Night ceremonies on the Commons. It was an evening of awareness; through songs, stories and speeches gatherers were informed about the prevalence and the pain of sexual assault. Throughout the entire night counselors were available for students to talk to if needed.

Musical presentations enthralled the crowd. There was a singing of "Amazing Grace" and a cappella performances of women and empowering songs. The music committee then preformed "Songs of Sexism." This consisted of playing lyrics from popular songs that "dehumanized and objectify women in an effort to make students more aware of what their favorite singers are singing about," said Erin Burns, a Women's Resource Center and Office of Sexual Assault and Prevention student assistant.

The climax of the night came during an event called the "Speak Out." A stage set up with a microphone was open for students, faculty and staff to come up and speak out about sexual assault. For four and a half hours people shared their hearts with friends and strangers alike. The event gave survivors of sexual assault an opportunity to speak out in a supportive environment. "This is a very empowering event for survivors and their peers," said Burns.

Burns said "Speak Out" was, "a safe place for survivors of sexual violence to come forward with testimonials, often sharing their experiences for the first time."

"Speak Out" brought reality close to home. "It gave a human face to the problem," said junior English major, Sara Fonseca-Foster. "It was so moving to have people stand up there and share really, really intimate details about their lives."

Heidi Hiller, a junior international affairs and economics major, said, "You don't often hear about people's personal experiences, you just hear statistics."

Fonseca-Foster said, "It was amazing. Take Back the Night has created an atmosphere that allows people to be heard and express difficult emotions."

The night did not end there though. The "Speak Out" was then followed by a candlelight ceremony and a march around campus. As the participants marched they repeated chants and recited poems. The night came to a close when the students once again gathered to reflect on the events of the evening while sharing food donated by local vendors. There students were also able to put their thoughts and entries in a journal.

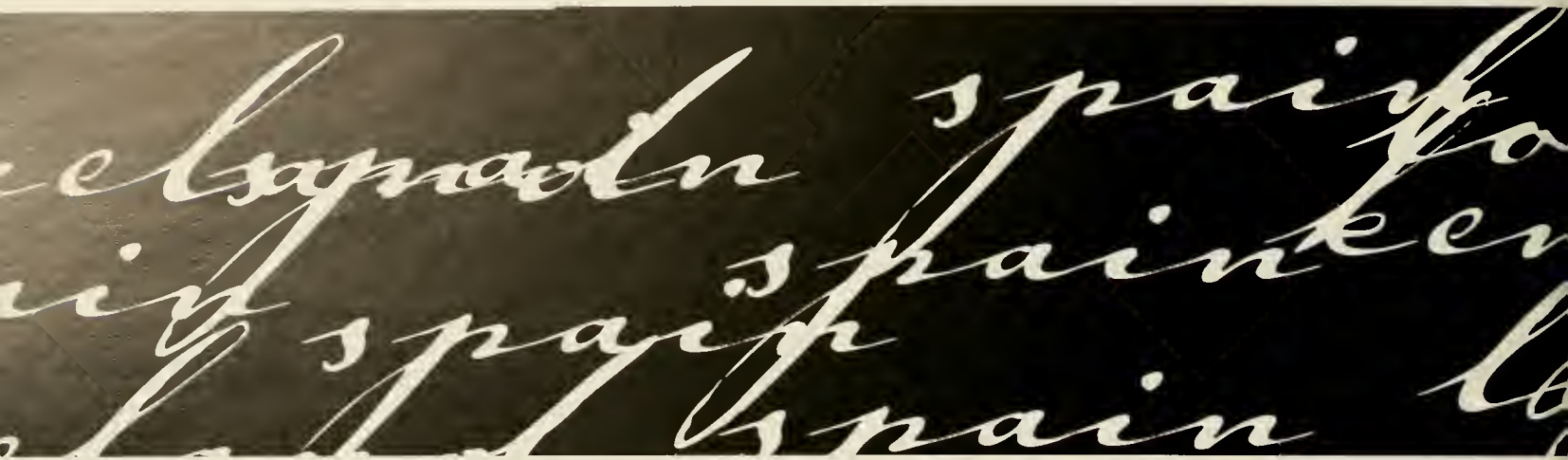
The Women's Resource Center and Office of Sexual Assault Prevention, Campus Assault Response (CARE), One in Four, and the University Program Board, worked together to organize the night. In addition to these groups many volunteers dedicated their time and effort into making the evening a success.

Burns hoped that, "the night provided students [with] the chance to speak out about their own experiences and gave them the opportunity to regain some of the power they lost when they were victimized."

She said she wished that, "the night was inspirational for students who have no idea how prevalent violence against women is and I hope that they feel more inclined to help fight against this, even if it is on a small scale like not laughing at rape jokes or asking people not to tell them."



Singing "Unfinished Woman," alumni Thea performs to onlookers at the Commons during take Back the Night. A capella group The Bluestones also sang in support of women's violence awareness.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Lauren O'Donohue

I studied in Toledo, Spain for six weeks this past summer. It was an awesome trip, I learned so much and got to experience so many new things from a totally different culture.

I attended classes while I was there. It was interesting because even though I take classes in Spanish here, it was still completely different while I was at a totally different school.

While in Spain, I attended a bull fight and the legendary running of the bulls. The bull fight was an eye-opening experience. The running of the bulls was the festival of San Fermín. It was the yearly tradition of moving the bulls from the countryside to the city. The people run in front of the bulls to lead them there. Traditional attire for the event was all white clothing with a red bandana or handkerchief and my friends and I dressed the part. I hope everyone gets the opportunity sometime in their life to see that traditional festival because it was an amazing experience that I am so thankful I got to see.

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| experiencing life outside JMU |



Kenya

Sara Fonseca-Foster

It's almost impossible to describe a typical day on the summer study abroad trip to Kenya because there were no typical days. As we traveled around the southeast region of Kenya, we experienced so many different things.

Every day we had to turn to each other and remind ourselves that it was real. By the end of our time there, we had learned to bargain at the markets using our basic Swahili, watched a herd of elephants cross the road right near our jeeps, walked out of our tents to a beautiful view of Mount Kilimanjaro, visited a Maasai homestead, created wonderful friendships with all the people we met, experienced family life living with a host family in Kakamega and Nairobi, visited a slum outside of Nairobi and gained a better understanding of the history and lives of the people of Kenya.

None of us wanted to leave. It was an amazing experience that I do not even have the words to describe. We did and saw so much during our stay there. While we were there we also developed amazing relationships between our group and the people that we met as we traveled. Everyone that we met was friendly and interested in who we were and what our thoughts on Kenya were. Going there gave me a whole new perspective and allowed me to better understand how other people around the world live.



London is one of those far-off, magical kind of cities you dream of visiting one day. I had often thought about what it would be like to stand on the London Bridge or to hop on a red double-decker bus down to Notting Hill. I wanted to make faces in front of the stern guards at Buckingham palace and “mind the gap” in the tube stations. I always knew I would get to experience all those things some day, but I never thought that I could live, work and find a lifestyle that fit me in a place over 3,000 miles away from home.

I spent almost 13 weeks of the summer in London. I was taking part in the university’s International Internship program with just ten other students. My internship was with a small Public Relations consultancy in the heart of the city. I had no idea what to expect, but I was just excited to explore a new place and meet as many people as possible. My job was a fantastic experience – not only did I gain significant knowledge about public relations, but I also got to know my wonderful, eccentric co-workers. They taught me a lot about my new city and helped me assimilate better to British culture. During my time, there I met and connected with so many different and amazing people, some from here, others from universities all

over and even a few local Londoners as well. In my free time, my friends and I would visit all the famous landmarks of the city and discover our favorite hangouts and places. I got to live in a flat with two wonderful girls and we were all able to share our similar, exciting experiences.

I was amazed at how well I came to know London in such a short time and how comfortably I learned to live there. I think it had to do with the fact that it was up to me to find my way. For that reason, I have gained a completely new kind of confidence from being abroad that I will carry for the rest of my life. I braced myself in the beginning for days when I would miss home and my familiar lifestyle, but I was so happy and thankful for each moment there that those days never came.

London

Lisa Chautard

Ireland

Sarah Mason

There is a wheelbarrow being dragged across a cobblestone path underneath my window. I force my eyes open and squint as sunlight streamed through the glass. The clock reads 5:30 a.m. and once again I admonished myself for forgetting to close my curtains the night before, the only shield against a 4am sunrise. I wondered if sleep was worth another attempt, the going above Trinity College Chapel would ring at six letting the city of Dublin know that it was time to awaken.

Twenty-four students spent six weeks in English and Media Arts and Design classes in Ireland. We knew it would be a summer away from home, away from summer really. No job, no tan, no old friends, but most of all no monotony.

We had heard the stereotypes: dirt roads, bland food, rain. During our stay at Trinity College in Dublin for the first two weeks, we encountered a city just as modern as New York. We saw plays, attended the symphony and took day trips to the country. On one of the last nights in Dublin half of us took the last dart out of the city, camped out on a desolate beach and watched the sun rise on the coast of the Irish Sea. After Dublin, we traveled to Killarney for three days, then to Galway for the remaining three weeks where we attended the International Film Fleadh.

Ireland opened our eyes to a new culture and by the end of our stay we no longer felt like tourists; we were the ones being asked for directions. Twenty-four students lived and went to school together in America, shared amazing new experiences and became friends thousands of miles away... in Ireland.



| the legacy of matthew shepard |

JUDY shepard

Maureen Doherty

“You love who you love,” said Judy Shepard, mother of murdered college student Matthew Shepard. This was the over-riding message in Shepard’s address to the packed audience when she came to speak on April 14.

Judy Shepard shared her grief and pain along with the many joys she shared with her son throughout his short life. She described him as a “loving, vibrant, kind young man.” Shepard said, “There aren’t enough words to describe how much I love him.

He was my friend, my soul mate and my confidant. He was my constant reminder of how good life could be, and ultimately, how bad it could be. I will never understand why someone would want to hurt Matthew. How could anyone feel threatened by this sweet child?”

Shepard read her Victim Impact Statement to the audience, the same one she had read in court with the two men who were accused and later convicted for murdering her son. It was an emotional tale of the person Matthew was, the person he hoped to be and the story of the final days of his life.

Matthew Shepard had grown up in Wyoming, but later moved with his family to Saudia Arabia, where he and his younger brother, Logan, attended a boarding school in Switzerland. This was right up Matthew’s alley, as he loved making new friends. “Matthew believed,” said Shepard, “that judging people before knowing them was a loss of an opportunity.” Matthew expressed an interest in theatre and politics and when it came time for college, Matthew came back to the United States to Wyoming. It was then, through a phone call in his freshman year in college, that Matthew revealed his sexuality to his mother. Upon hearing the news, his mother said, “What took



Filling the PC Ballroom, impassioned listeners experience Judy Shepard’s nationally publicized story. The night began with a press dinner with Shepard that allowed press to intimately speak with Shepard.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

you so long to tell me?”

Shepard had known, or strongly suspected, from a young age that Matthew was homosexual. She had even researched the lifestyle in depth. Shepard was fearful for her son’s future, but accepted him. Then in October of 1998, the Shepard family got a phone call that no parent would ever want to receive. They were informed that their son, Matthew, had been brutally attacked and was on his deathbed. Immediately, the Shepard family booked a flight from Saudia Arabia to the United States. Yet, they had to wait nineteen hours just to begin their journey.

Finally, after a twenty-five hour trip, they arrived at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado. Matthew Shepard died at 12:53 a.m. on October 12, 1998.

Judy Shepard said of Logan, “he didn’t want to go into the room to see his brother in such terrible condition, but he knew that that would be the last time to tell Matthew that he loved him.”

Since the horrific death of her son, Shepard has been an activist for gay and lesbian rights. One of the issues she tackled was gay adoption. “Why isn’t gay adoption legal everywhere?” Shepard asked. “It is common sense. A family is a collection of people who love and respect each other.”

In addition to this issue, Shepard discussed politics and its role in these vital issues. “Gay marriage should be legal. A marriage is a civil contract. Gays and lesbians should be granted things such as hospital rights. You need to understand what your representatives are doing for you



Lecturing about gay rights, Judy Shepard tells the tragic tale of the brutal murder of her son, Matthew. Shepard stressed such ideas as hatred is a learned emotion and for the audience to all take their part in preventing this and any other discrimination.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

and what they are doing to you.”

Shepard also stated that in 37 states a person could still be fired for being gay. She encouraged audience members to “come out and stay out, all day and every day. You need to be the change you want to see.” She further encouraged the gay community to keep pictures of their partners on their desks at work and be proud of it; not lie to their co-workers saying the person in the picture was just a friend or family member.

Throughout her talk, Shepard stressed the idea of education. She said, “Bring freedom where there is fear. Bias and bigotry is not born within us; we learn it. We learn how to love too. Unlearn the behavior of hate and move on. Matt is no longer with us because two men learned it was okay to hate.”


The student body welcomed this presentation by Shepard. The Phillips Center Ballroom was filled to its capacity of 500 people. Junior Katie Russo said, “I thought Mrs. Shepard was a wonderful woman. She is definitely a mom and she is so full of love, it’s catching. I don’t understand how anyone could be hateful about anything after meeting her and hearing what she had to say.”

Russo was especially impacted by the speech when Shepard asked how hard it was to be nice. “When you think about it,” said Russo, “it takes more effort not to like someone than it takes to like someone. There is really no reason for hate.”

Other students were impacted in similar ways as Russo. According to junior David Hughes, “I was inspired by Mrs. Shepard’s amount of courage. She told her story and advocated for equal treatment of all people. She had a humanistic tone in a debate that is overly political. The campus has only benefited from Judy Shepard’s speech.”

“I knew that Mrs. Shepard would obviously speak about her experience and about various issues that she is fighting for, but during the course of the speech I realized something else; I realized that I was listening to someone’s mom, who because of tragedy was thrust into the spotlight,” said Robert Armstrong. “She inspired me, as she does so many, to continue to fight for equality and more importantly fight against hate.”






Creating a constant sea of cars, the new chain stores of Harrisonburg Crossing proved to attract a great deal of business. Harrisonburg crossing began opening their stores in May 2003.
[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]



[the new SUPERCENTER]

HARRISONBURG crossing

Nicole Maier



When Harrisonburg Crossing came to town it gave new meaning to one-stop shopping. Where else could one purchase groceries, a pet fish and go out to lunch all in one trip? The new center housed a diverse selection of stores in the convenience of one center.

The 500,000 square foot shopping center was built on 47 acres of land at the intersection of Interstate 81 and Route 33. According to the City of Harrisonburg's website, the project was projected to cost approximately \$48 million. Wal-Mart Supercenter and Home Depot were the first stores to open their doors to the public on May 21. Other stores opened periodically from beginning in early June.

The new shopping plaza attracted students because of the convenience and variety it offered. "I was really excited to have a shopping center that had a very diverse selection of stores," said Catherine Sisk, junior French major. Other stores include Bed, Bath and Beyond, Staples, Circuit City, Petco and Barnes and Noble with a Starbucks café.

"It's pretty nice there are so many stores. Everything I need is so close that my roommate and I walked here," said Brooke Kelly, freshman biology major. "We usually come because it has everything we need; it is easier to make one trip."

harrisonburg crossing

Allowing for 24 hour convenience, the new Super Wal-Mart opens in Harrisonburg Crossing. This Wal-Mart replaced the one that use to be attached to Valley Mall.
[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

Selling everything from lumber to garden supplies, the new Home Depot is one of the new stores introduced to the Valley with the creation of the new Harrisonburg Crossing shopping center. The new center provided a variety of new chain stores to the Valley.

[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

Providing another option for purchasing books, the new Barnes and Noble arrives to Harrisonburg Crossing. Along with this chain, others such as Sprint, Petco, Payless, Ross, Michael's, and a new Super Wal-Mart joined the new shopping center.

[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]



A SHOPPER'S PARADIS

Jess Beard, senior SMAD major said, "I can do all of my shopping in one place." She said she actually has done most of her shopping in the Wal-Mart Supercenter. "This Wal-Mart is huge," she said.

After leaving the Simon Valley Mall and building the new Supercenter, Wal-Mart was able to increase the amount of products available to the customers. This included a large food section with fresh produce and many other goods similar to what is sold in a regular grocery store.

Senior Kinesiology major, Jonathan Barrille also liked the convenience of the center being near campus. He did comment though that, "It gets packed on weekends."

He was not the only one concerned with it getting overcrowded. Pam Willberger, a Wal-Mart employee worried that parking would be hard to find during holidays. She said the parking lot had been almost full many weekends since the center opened.

Diana Good, a six year Wal-Mart employee, was originally concerned with the size of the new shopping center and the new Wal-Mart. "It was overwhelming," she said. Yet, after the center had been opened for a few months, Good said she quickly grew to like it.

Other students were happy to see particular stores arrive in Harrisonburg. Many students when asked, were pleased to have a Bed, Bath and Beyond. It was there that they could buy things they needed for their dorms and apartments.

WAL★MART SUPERCENTER



ARRIVES IN THE 'BURG

Lisa Acker, a junior art major was most excited to see the arrival of Michael's Crafts. "I could get my art supplies there at a cheap price. They can be expensive at other stores," said Acker.

She was also almost as equally thrilled to find out Ross Stores had come to town. "I am a discount freak at Ross I can get cheap clothing," said Acker.

Jennifer Burnett, junior psychology major, was also glad to see the arrival of the craft store. "I was happy about Michael's because I like pretending I'm Martha Stewart, but without all the illegal activity," she said.

Katie Price, junior interdisciplinary liberal studies major said the shopping center "brought new life to the Harrisonburg community." Price used the center for many of her shopping needs yet, she still remained faithful to her other favorite stores around town. "I enjoy Barnes and Noble however, I am still a Books A Million fan," she said.

Cindy Irish, senior music education major, was happy to see the coming of Qdoba Mexican Grill, one of the restaurants added. "Qdoba is a great place to eat," Irish said about the Mexican restaurant.

Harrisonburg Crossing was one of this year's newest additions to the growing town. The new center offered convenience to students because of its nearness to campus and wide selection of stores to choose from.

students gain knowledge and sexual awareness

SEXfest

Gina Indellicate

Music, sex and scandal—not the typical University sponsored event to be held in Warren Hall. While the name may be misleading, the first SexFest, held in Transitions, was certainly far from a festival of sexual activity. It was an event that allowed hours of music, safe sex awareness and subsequent media coverage that led to the scheduling of a second SexFest.

The idea for the event originated from three then juniors, Geoff Allen, Akshay Narang and Lisa Tawil, who wanted to put on an entire day of music. They hoped to attract multiple crowds of people, but also include a current issue to make an impact on those who attended. To draw in large crowds, the three decided that sexual awareness, responsibility and issues of assault would be prevalent for a college campus.

Planning for the event took a great amount of effort. Tawil explained that it took about five months of planning and an extensive search for the right music to be played during the event. First of all, permission had to be obtained for use of a campus location for the event. The name, SexFest, created some doubts among the Events and Conferences staff, but permission was obtained for the harmless event.

A screening process of over 25 musicians then began. The trio established a grading style criterion to narrow down the musicians to all fit into a single day. The musicians were narrowed down to four bands and six solo artists. The featured artists were Midnight Spaghetti and the Chocolate G Strings, Jim Fanale, Tejas Singh, Alan Loomis, Roma Night, Unit Five, Matt Rumley, The Sad Lives of the Hollywood Lovers and Desiderata.

After music was secured for the event, the planners focused on the awareness that the day would give all participants. Organizations on campus including REACH, CARE, One in Four, and Equal were asked to set up booths for the fest in order to promote their personal aspect of sexual awareness. These booths provided free flyers, buttons, stickers and a representative ready to inform. Topics included rape, woman's reproductive rights, prostate cancer, contraceptives and abstinence.

Transitions was transformed into a cozy, red lighted spot of music and knowledge. The entrance to Transitions had the booths from the campus organizations, which were there for the students' access. The couches were circled around the back wall where the artist was located. Tawil said she was very pleased with the turnout at the event. She had not hoped for the mad rush of people that flocked to other events on campus. Crowds came and left, but tended to stay awhile to enjoy the free music.

In response to the turnout of SexFest, Narang said, "we seemed to maintain a decent amount of people throughout the day. But when your purpose is to educate, there is no limit to the amount of people you want to reach."

About the name of the event Tawil said, "we wanted a catchy name that people would respond to and remember." The event was in fact very different than what the name alluded to, and residents in the Harrisonburg community became upset over what they

thought was a scandalous activity on campus. Tawil said, "The name may have caused controversy, but the event was educational and fun."

The name, SexFest, was what certainly did attract attention. News of the event traveled to the local Harrisonburg paper, the Daily News Record. In response to the coverage by the DNR, Tawil said, "education is the key to a healthy lifestyle and our goal was simply informative decision-making rather than a political statement. No one on the SexFest staff was contacted or interviewed for the article in the DNR."

Also, attention was received from conservative delegate Robert G. Marshall who, according to the Richmond Times Dispatch, condemned the University for allowing what he thought was a scandalous event to be held on campus.

While the event received negative attention, those who participated in the planning and those who attended appreciated the hard work and the motives behind the festival.



Singing at SexFest, coordinator Akshay Narang takes the stage. Narang was the last of nine performances during the event. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Performing at SexFest, Graham Cochrane plays to an intimate crowd at Transitions. Six other solo artists performed at the free event.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Providing substance for the origin of its name, SexFest provides free pamphlets upon entering Transitions. SexFest covered such topics as reproductive rights, ovarian cancer and safe sex awareness.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



| a chance to see local artists' work |

museum & gallery walk

Taking notes on her thoughts of the art, freshman Margot Ricci visits Zirkle House. Ricci was encouraged to write something for her class regarding the Gallery Walk. [Photo by Megan Bucknum]

Julianne Zavacky

Hidden among the old town images of the University's past, and the remodeled houses of its future, there was something different that not many people knew about. It was the Zirkle House, quietly tucked away among Harrisonburg's antique neighborhood-turned-office buildings. It is art at its most raw and uninfluenced—home of student-run galleries.

Since it's opening in the early 70's, the Zirkle House has become a safe-haven for students who wish to put on shows for themselves as well as their peers. It contains the Artworks Gallery and the Other Gallery, both of which contain student shows. The New Image Gallery is yet another room in this old house that contained exhibits by professional artists who wish to share their work with the University and Harrisonburg communities. The newest edition to this family of art is the Madison Gallery, a room in the back that will be the home of a more permanent collection.

But, despite the intrigue that the building may hold, sometimes it is hard to get the word out about such an interesting establishment. In fact, there are numerous businesses and organizations around town that are not even connected to the school that provide an amazing cultural experience.

The Harrisonburg Museum and Gallery Walk was a new event thought up last spring that was put on once every semester in an attempt to expose more people within the community to all of the fantastic things that these businesses can offer. Senior Maggie Satchwell, junior art director at the Zirkle House said, "An event like this is good for families to bring in children, as well as students. It definitely informs people throughout the community of what we have to offer."

Organized throughout the town, the Museum and Gallery Walk was designed to showcase various businesses, as well as student and professional artists that wished to be included. This fall it was put on in the beginning of October and involved 22 different business and artistic locations. Each participant of the walk got a map of Harrisonburg, with each site numbered. The Harrisonburg City Trolleys agreed to give free transportation for anyone that wanted it and all venues hailed free admission. There were even special discounts and premiums by participating merchants.

The interesting thing about this event was the variation in businesses

and people involved. Although the Zirkle House and the Art Department's Sawhill Gallery were both obvious participants, some seemingly less artistic businesses were also involved, such as the Shenandoah Bicycle Company and Sheridan Real Estate. Some of these businesses showcased a variation of student work, while others had a more specific audience in mind. The 150 Franklin Street Gallery featured artist Greg Ballou, serving spiced rum and beer during the event. The Daily Grind showed recent work by the faculty and students of Eastern Mennonite University. Even the Massanutten Regional Library got involved in the walk, exhibiting work from the Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society.

Senior Katy Melton commented on this eclectic mix of locations. "I think the main goal was to make people more aware of the prevalence of the arts in Harrisonburg. I think a lot of people are unaware at how many artists there are in this area. It was also [a chance] to expose people to the arts and give artists a chance to exhibit their work."

Graduate Advisor Sara Shawger agreed. "Once you know about it, you are more likely to come back," she said. "It gets students involved more in seeing the arts, as well as seeing what we have [at the Zirkle House]."

The walk seemed a perfect way to do just that. Another venue was the Studio Center, a venue where professors showcase their own students' work, and where Kappa Pi, the Art Fraternity put on tours. The Court Square Theatre joined the troupe by featuring a performance by the Acting Out Teen Theatre, a group of students and troubled teens of the area that work together to put on shows each year. Some venues such as this one were organized primarily for the Art Walk itself, while others simply let their site be included in the silent walking tour, such as the art found within You Made It!, a pottery business found near the library. Still others used this walk as a chance to showcase artist work as well as their own, such as the OASIS Gallery, featuring artist Karen Ryder Lee.

Each business offered a different experience, and some students came



on their own or with the encouragement of professors from the University. Melton said, "Artibus was neat because I am in ceramics right now. It's always interesting to get to see a professor's work." A more extensive Faculty Exhibition was held in the Sawhill Gallery in Duke Hall. Shawger said that after an exposition as extensive as the Museum and Gallery Walk, people are more aware of what's out there. She said, "There are a lot of people in the community that do come out—artists post signs, faculty stop by and people that know when various shows are come out as well." It was a collective effort to expose people to the art and culture of the University and its surrounding area and seemed to be a success.

Getting a head start on Christmas, The Laughing Dog Shop displays these creative ornaments. The shop was a part of Harrisonburg's annual Museum and Gallery Walk.

[Photo by Megan Bucknum]

award winning professor

On the set of one of his films, Professor Thomas O'Connor directs the cameraman. O'Connor began his career as a Shakespearean actor and went on to produce over 40 films.
[Courtesy of Thomas O'Connor]



Carrie Belt

Students sat glued to award shows in anticipation of who might win the Best Writer, Best Director or Best Producer. They imagined what they might say if they ever had to walk across the stage to accept their first Emmy. Most even pondered exactly where they would put their awards. On the desk? In the closet? Should they build a special case? They wondered. Yet many never knew that a humble professor in their midst had achieved four such awards for highly esteemed honors of which millions only dreamed. They also didn't know that the same professor traded words

screenplay entitled "Fools of Time" about William Shakespeare's "lost years." The idea for the play was sparked when George Garrett, novelist friend, gave O'Connor a biography of Thomas Campion, who was said to be a friend of Shakespeare's during the eight to ten years when Shakespeare disappeared from official records.

O'Connor researched the subject thoroughly during a Sabbatical to Oxford University. He spent time at Houghton Tower in Lancaster County where he and other top Shakespearean scholars believed that

Award Winning professor | and the Emmy goes to... |

with Hollywood greats such as Martin Scorsese, Ron Hamilton, Terry Sweeney and Pierce Brosnan.

The University's own modest Media Arts and Design professor, Thomas O'Connor had two Emmys, a Cine Golden Eagle, and a Gabriel Award holding up books in his home office as costly bookends that reminded him of what he had achieved, but more importantly, what he had yet to achieve.

O'Connor had recently reached international recognition for his

Shakespeare served as a tutor under the pseudonym of "Will Shakeshift."

O'Connor's research won him the esteem not only of Shakespearean scholars, but also of the international press. Anthony Holden of *The London Independent* said of O'Connor's work that it was, "an important breakthrough in a field where breakthroughs are rare indeed...if it helps scholars put more flesh on the bones of the 'Lancashire Shakespeare,' it will merit more than mere Oscars."

Incidentally, O'Connor, who had produced over 40 films and

documentaries, began his career as a Shakespearean actor. After high school, O'Connor studied for two years with top "hard-nosed actors" at the highly esteemed Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in Michigan. He then moved to Boston where he acted with the Boston Public Theater of Charles River. He took courses at the University of Massachusetts and Tufts before moving on to New York to continue his acting career.

After a short time in New York, O'Connor realized that he was no longer doing exactly what he wanted, so he moved back to Michigan to study Shakespeare and English Literature at the University of Michigan. He then went on to work for the Detroit PBS television station, where he began making documentaries.

O'Connor's first award-winning documentary was based on Nathaniel Hawthorne's daughter, Rose, who founded an order of nuns who cared for people with incurable cancer. The documentary won the 1981 Gabriel Award as well as the recognition of his peers, who began approaching O'Connor to work on their productions. "You get a reputation," O'Connor said, "and people start coming to you."

One of those people was a Detroit woman named Shelby Newhouse who approached O'Connor to write the script for a documentary called "Fatima." The documentary examined the roles of religion and science in the 20th century and was hosted by Ricardo Montalban. His work on "Fatima" earned O'Connor his first Emmy. More significantly, "Fatima" made history for being the first program broadcast on Russian national television following the fall of the Soviet Union.

Following his documentary successes, O'Connor realized that he missed the academia life. He joined the University in 1986 and soon started a new curriculum for students interested in documentary, film adaptations, and screenwriting in response to student interest and demand. The courses had been needed for a while, according to O'Connor. Yet he was the person to say, "Let's do this."

In between publishing his articles, serving as a Faculty Senator, and participating in numerous University committees, O'Connor found time to produce nearly a dozen documentaries. In 1997, he won his second

Emmy: Best Documentary for "A Place Called Home," a piece about the social and political challenges of the babyboom generation. He was originally asked to be the "script doctor" for the piece, which meant that he was asked to fix a failing script. "[The producer] called me in a panic," O'Connor said. "He offered me ten days at \$1000 a day to fix the script." But, he found, "I had to rewrite the whole thing."

The very next year, he won a Cine Golden Eagle Award for a documentary that he researched and wrote called "Love One Another," about poverty in the Caribbean. O'Connor's most recent documentary work, "The Idea Nobody Wanted," which he wrote and hosted for NASA, dealt with NASA's first manned lunar landing in 1969.

Despite his many international achievements and acclaim, O'Connor had a reputation among his students for being modest and approachable. "He's laid-back and very knowledgeable," said senior Meghan Marville who had O'Connor for his film adaptations course. "I'm just in awe of him everyday in class. He knows so much!"

Many of his students did not know that O'Connor was an award-winning filmmaker who had produced over 40 films. "I didn't even know about his awards," said Marville. "If I was him, I would bring them to class everyday in my bag and then set them on the podium during the lecture."

O'Connor recalled that at a time when he kept his Emmys as bookends in his office, a student dropped in for a visit and did not believe that the awards were real. "He thought it was fake," O'Connor laughed.

Sara Putney-Brandt, a junior SMAD major, had taken two of O'Connor's classes and was surprised to learn of his awards. "He's just so modest," she said. "He's so smart, but you would never know. He makes these really intelligent jokes in class and I don't get them until a few minutes later and then I laugh because they were so smart and funny."

O'Connor preferred to look to the future, rather than the past for motivation. He said, "I'm always thinking about the future, about what I haven't done and want to do."



Professor Thomas O'Connor sits in his office with a display of awards behind him. O'Connor had been awarded four such honors, including two Emmys, for screenplays and documentaries he produced [Photo by Emily Dursa]

Speaking at Wilson, Reverend Jesse Jackson discusses diversity in today's culture. Jackson came in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.
[Photo by Sara Woodward]



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| honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. |



Listening to Reverend Jesse Jackson, Wilson Hall was filled to capacity in order to hear him on Martin Luther King Day. Tickets were distributed prior to the event and there were satellite locations to view the speech.

[Photo by Sara Woodward]

Kristin Short

January 19th marked the 17th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. In the past, many students may have overlooked this day as just another no-class holiday, however this one was different. This day brought one of the most famous reverends to the school: Jesse Jackson.

At 7:30 p.m. the celebration of King's life began. Performances and speeches were presented to the students and locals who turned out for the event. President Dr. Linwood Rose, Associate Dean of Math and Science Dr. Daniel Wubah and many other faculty and students gave tributes to the man whose life was being honored. The most exhilarating of these speakers was of course, guest speaker, Jackson.

Jackson had a central message that he wished to get across to the audience. "This is a big election year for America and real choices must be made," he said in a private press conference before his address to the University. He added that he hoped people would vote for their economic interests and not their racial fears.

His biggest topic of the night was of course to honor Dr. King. He discussed many sides of King that perhaps no one in attendance knew of. King finished high school at the age of 15 and college by the age of 19. At 22 he had completed seminar and by 26 he had his Ph.D. He served this country through the civil rights movement for 13 short years

Answering questions at the conference, Jackson addresses the media as a key figure in the formation of the Rainbow Coalition.
[Photo by Sara Woodward]



before he was assassinated. On King's birthday in 1968, Jackson was with King when they decided to organize a march on Washington. They built a Rainbow Coalition which included such ethnicities as Asian and Jewish Americans. These different cultural backgrounds learned how to work and fight together for what they believed in. We observe King's birthday now, but King worked on his special day to form the coalition to help end the war in Vietnam, only stopping to have birthday cake. "This is how we knew it was his birthday. But after just the briefest celebration, we went back to work in an afternoon session focusing on how to end the war in Vietnam. Like the Iraq war today, the war in Vietnam was costing lives, diverting money and had no moral, political or military justification. The war in Vietnam—like Iraq today—laid bare the soul of our nation, eroding our international honor, and caused great division and pain at home," Jackson said in a release he gave out to the press conference attendees.

If King were alive today, Jackson said, he would discourage the growing base up top and the growing poverty that is being left behind. Jackson cast out some statistics such as 159,000 children are living in poverty and that 60 percent of Georgians are bringing home less than \$20,000 a year. He also said that King would not agree to the diplomacy of the country. "Yes, Saddam is in jail, but we are still being killed," Jackson said. "You hear a plan to rebuild Iraq, to rebuild Afghanistan not Appalachia. That is not the American dream." He said that the war had been, "fought in the interest of the rich, but fought and paid for by the poor." He also added that no one would find a congressman's child in the Middle East. They are the students receiving diplomas, while the poor are receiving Purple Hearts and other military awards.

"We speak of King's dream," he said. "We don't speak of America's broken promise." Jackson described three stages of connecting Americans. The first stage was the end of slavery after the Civil War. 100 years later, King helped overcome another battle, segregation. This was then followed with blacks receiving the right to vote. Jackson said that the promise of an equal society that the founding fathers based this country on had not been fulfilled. "I dream of a day when that promise will be honored," Jackson said. According to Jackson, the fourth stage would be giving more access to capital to the poor and closing the gaps that separate people; "the north-south gap, the class gap between rich and poor." He said giving workers a voice, making a plan for peace, giving the poor access to money and giving blacks an education could fulfill honoring the American promise.

In relation to this issue, Jackson said, when at an event, everyone is connected at a basketball or football game, but not at the heart. He said, "We didn't know how good football or basketball could be until everyone could play, so we don't know how good the economy could be."

In his press release he stated, and also addressed to the Wilson hall auditorium, "Today, let's honor Dr. King's legacy with renewed commitment to provide the workers a place at the table, to defend and expand civil rights and work to fulfill America's promise of equal protection under the law, equal access, equal opportunity, fair share and an undaunted focus on the needs of the "least of these," our brothers and sisters. Today, as we honor Dr. King, we must again go about the work of organizing our people, changing the direction of America, and leveling the playing field for all Americans."

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Graduation

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Graduating at the Convocation Center, senior Brandi Duck receives her degree from Dr. Rose. Duck was one of 527 undergraduate students to graduate in December. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



winter graduation

Making the traditional march, graduates head to their seats to begin the ceremony. Unlike spring graduation, there wasn't a cloud in the sky. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Kristin Short

Dec. 12th would forever be etched in the minds of 527 University students. It would be the day that they would forever remember as their last as a student and their first as an alum. Never again would the winter graduates have to register for classes, fight for parking spots or deal with campus traffic.

At the 3 p.m. commencement in the Convocation Center, all the soon-to-be graduates walked the processional with emotions of joy and sadness overflowing their minds. Senior English major, Angela Morgan said, "Right now I am emotional. I am truly going to miss the memories that I have made here. Not everything was a positive learning experience, but there was a lesson that I learned. I think about everything I have gone through to graduate, it makes me cry because I have worked so hard."

Others felt numb during the ceremony, but were more emotionally charged during the graduation rehearsal. Senior Media Arts and Design major, Brandi Duck said, "I was taken aback Sunday at graduation practice when I walked on the floor. I felt excitement and joy because I knew I would be done in a few days. I've been rushing the week to get over because I knew that school would be done and I would be a JMU alumni."

At the ceremony, one of the University's most distinguished alum, Marcia E. Angell, M.D. spoke to the graduates. Angell was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 25 most influential Americans. Angell said that if there were one piece of advice she would give it would be, "beware of groupthink." She said it's easy; it's seductive and "somehow right."

In her address, Angell said groupthink could lead to a "dumbing-down of the group" and it could also lead to not knowing what was going on. She added that it "diffuses responsibility" and could leave part of the mind idle in the quest for entertainment. "One reason you go to JMU is to learn how to think for yourself," she said. Angell suggested trying to learn as much as possible about an issue and forming a unique opinion on the topic. "Keep it to yourself if you wish," she said, "or share it with the world."

At the end of her speech, Angell received an honorary award by Dr. Linwood Rose. The award made Angell the first person to ever earn both a Bachelor's Degree and an honorary degree from the University.

As the graduates sat in their chairs and listened to the speeches, they thought about all the things they loved and disliked about the University. "JMU has changed my life because I have met so many amazing



people. It's one of those places that you look up while walking and someone smiles at you when you are having a bad day. I feel that the people who are close to me, I consider them to be like my family. I have found a home away from home. I feel that I came to JMU in trying to find myself and I found myself and a family of friends," Morgan said.

Duck said, "I've made some great friends here and especially within the Media Arts and Design school. JMU people are so nice and are easy to make friends with. I've met some great people and I know they will be in my life forever as true friends."

Duck also added that two things she would not miss were the traffic and parking issues of the area. "Traffic in Harrisonburg and just on campus is awful. I am really surprised that I have not seen an accident happen. Parking just is too much to talk about; you say parking and everyone knows what you are going to say!"

Even though graduation brought forth all of these emotions, it had a unique meaning to those who actually experienced such a great feat in their lives. Graduates said that to be able to take that walk was a great accomplishment, more than just obtaining an education, but learning how to balance the pressures that life brought. Morgan said, "Most importantly, I have found myself. And all the knowledge I have learned in books I have learned to apply to my life."

Duck said, "To me, graduation means success. The past 17 years (kindergarten through college) have been long, but I have finally made it and have the paper to show it. All those long hours of studying and writing papers have come to an end, but it has all been worth it because I feel prepared to start my life in the real world."

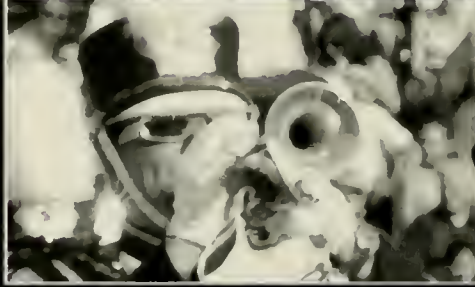


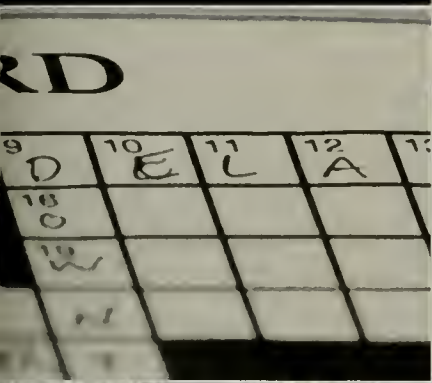
Applauding their graduates, parents watch as Dr. Linwood Rose confers the degrees. Thousands of people packed the Convocation Center to show their support for the graduates. [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]

Discussing the importance of individual thought, graduate Marcia Angell speaks to graduates. Angell, a member of the class of 1960, received an honorary doctorate degree following her speech. [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]



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College of Arts & Letters

With over 3,500 students, the College of Arts and Letters had a mission to “offer high-quality programs of specialized study, provide a challenging array of courses designed to promote lifelong liberal learning, provide a variety of rich cultural opportunities for JMU students and the entire University community.” The college served the University by offering a wide variety of majors and minors in specialized areas. These areas included focuses such as art, communications, English, foreign languages, history, media arts, social sciences, theatre and dance.

The college strove to improve foundational skills that were introduced in general education courses such as writing and critical thinking. CAAL also wanted to ameliorate cultural perspectives for students to have an effective citizenship in their lives after college by teaching global awareness and American cultural diversity. The college also strove to give students an active and hands-on experience for their field of study through internship opportunities and field courses.

One of these hands-on experiences was evident in the School of Media Arts and Design program. All students in the program were encouraged to participate in on-campus publications such as *Montpelier*, *The Breeze* or *The Bluestone*. Students were also encouraged to hold internships at any of the local television stations or newspapers. “Interning at WVPT was a great opportunity for me because of the amount of things they’ll let students do there. I was able to be behind the camera, go on shoots, edit, run the audio board and even direct a live show. Interning at WVPT allows you to experience more than at most other places. Students are asked and allowed to do more than make coffee runs,” said senior SMAD major Lisa Clark.

Through one required class and other electives, students were given the opportunity to work hands-on in a television studio at WVPT, the local PBS affiliate, which was located on University property. Students in SMAD 202 Fundamental Skills in Media Arts and Design Part II and SMAD 406 Electronic News Gathering, were held in this facility. Students were given the chance to work at each position that coalesced with the others to put on a news program. While SMAD 202 was an introductory course with pre-made scripts, SMAD 406 gave advanced Digital Video concentration majors the chance to get real world newsroom experience.

In SMAD 406, students were assigned to do their own packages—informational stories with audio and video edited together—for their weekly news program, *JMU Today*, which aired every Wednesday of Fall Semester. The day of the show, the students would write stories and prepare a show. There were two producers, a technical director, graphics director, audio director, floor director, videotape operator, two cameramen and two anchors.

“When I came to JMU as a perspective freshmen I was told about the electronic broadcasting class. Being able to have such an opportunity was one of the things that attracted me to JMU. I looked forward to taking this class since freshman year. Having the experience of anchoring a live newscast has reinforced my childhood dream of becoming a news anchor. It was a big sense of accomplishment to see our newscasts come together and be broadcast live to the JMU campus,” said senior SMAD major Elizabeth Friend.

She added, “JMU students benefit from a cooperation with WVPT because students get an opportunity to work in a real studio setting. It feels very professional producing and broadcasting *JMU Today* from a real studio like WVPT.”

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Cameron E. Adams, SMAD; Vinton, VA
 Jennifer Adu, SMAD; Alexandria, VA
 Karen M. Agostisi, Poli. Science; Hauppauge, NY
 Jacqui J. Aleman, Sociology; Cheshire, CT
 Marissa Alp, English; Manorville, NY
 Susan E. Altieri, Inter. Liberal Studies; McLean, VA





Heather M. Arndt, Anthropology; Fredericksburg, VA
 Holly M. Arnould, Poli. Science; Northampton, MA
 Jessica N. Avison, English, Grafton, VA
 Kimberly A. Bacik, SCOM, Stratford, CT
 Blair E. Bailey, Inter. Liberal Studies; Richmond, VA
 Rebecca Baines, SMAD; Virginia Beach, VA



Molly J. Baker, SMAD; Culpeper, VA
 Dorian A. Balis, Music; Fairfax, VA
 Nicole D. Barb, Graphic Design; Fredericksburg, VA
 Lauren Barringer, English; Fairfax, VA
 Carrie S. Belt, SMAD; Richmond, VA
 Brynn C. Bennett, SMAD; Fairfax, VA



Elise A. Bernier, English; Lorton, VA
 Stefan H. Black, English; Houston, TX
 Leslie A. Bourke, SMAD; Nashville, TN
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 Patrick A. Bredland, Graphic Design; Laurel, MD
 Christopher M. Brindley, SMAD; Sterling, VA



Amanda M. Brock, Graphic Design; Herndon, VA
 Janine E. Brooks, English, Queens, NY
 Craig R. Brown, History; Burke, VA
 Lesley R. Brown, SMAD; Glen Allen, VA
 Martene E. Bryan, Poli. Science, Springfield, VA
 Patricia J. Bryan, English; Hillsdale, NJ



Rachel C. Buchholz, Graphic Design; Alexandria, VA
 Mariel M. Bumgarner, SMAD; Springfield, VA
 Amy L. Burkert, Graphic Design; Alexandria, VA
 Kerl L. Burkholder, SCOM; Lynchburg, VA
 Amy C. Butler, English; Forest, VA
 Nicole M. Buyalos, SCOM; Chester, VA



Andrew I. Canepa, SMAD; Chesapeake, VA
 Erin K. Cassidy, English; Fairfax, VA
 Meredith E. Cecil, English; Martinsville, VA
 Lauren Chang, SMAD; McLean, VA
 Matthew D. Chase, SMAD; Harrisonburg, VA
 Lisa Chautard, Sociology; Arlington, VA



Christine M. Chin, SMAD; Centreville, VA
 Seung Dal Choi, Graphic Design; Springfield, VA
 Raymond S. Clark, SMAD; Voorhees, NJ
 Stacey R. Clark, SCOM; Hampton, VA
 Stacey Y. Claytor, Theatre/Dance; Fairfax, VA
 Kanssa K. Coburn, Art History; Mechanicsburg, PA

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Meredith R. Cole, SMAD; Chesterfield, VA
 Jeffrey C. Colsh, Anthropology; Middletown, MD
 Kate E. Colvin, English; Fulton, MD
 Megan B. Conniff, English; Springfield, VA
 Jennifer L. Converse, Music Ed.; Williamsburg, VA
 Chandra M. Cooks, English; Fairfax Station, VA



Adam M. Costa, Music Ed.; Amherst, NH
 Andrew G. Croot, SMAD; Rochelle Park, NJ
 Lindsay M. Crouch, SCOM; Tabb, VA
 Suzanne L. Damon, SMAD; Salem, VA
 John S. Daniel, Philosophy; Midlothian, VA
 Thomas M. Darrow, ISS; Vienna, VA



Sarah L. Davelaar, English; Holland, MI
 Maria C. DeBeauvernet, English; Naugatuck, CT
 Linda M. DiEgidio, Interior Design; Thornton, PA
 Maria N. DiToro, Philosophy; Port Washington, NY
 Heather N. Donatelli, Sociology; Woodbridge, VA
 Elizabeth A. Drosdick, English; Verona, NJ



Brandi T. Duck, SMAD; Carrsville, VA
 Toni M. Duncan, SMAD; Norfolk, VA
 Shana L. Duvel, English; Sterling, VA
 Laura K. Eaton, SCOM; Clifton, VA
 Erin E. Ebert, Poli. Science; Fairfax, VA
 Heather L. Egbert, SMAD; Roanoke, VA



James R. Fanale, Art; Glastonbury, CT
 Kerry E. Fischer, Poli. Science; Downingtown, PA
 Kimberly L. Fitzgerald, SCOM; Hagerstown, MD
 Sara J. Fonseca-Foster, English; Norwich, VT
 Geoff F. Forcino, Sociology; Malvern, PA
 Gwen Foutz, SCOM, Vinton, VA



Sarah E. Frank, Music Ed.; Pottstown, PA
 Daniel D. Frazelle, Music Ed.; Alexandria, VA
 Stephanie Freed, Graphic Design; Harrisonburg, VA
 Patricia L. Frenville, SMAD; Toms River, NJ
 Elizabeth L. Friend, SMAD; Glen Allen, VA
 Sarah G. Gabriele, English; Ambler, PA



Amanda Gallagher, English; Mechanicsville, VA
 Lauren Gardner, IDLS; Westboro, MA
 Khalil P. Garriott, SMAD; Manassas, VA
 Mary Virginia Gay, SCOM, Richmond, VA
 Kate A. George, SCOM, Sparta, NJ
 Lauren M. Giel, TSC; Chantilly, VA



Love YOU MOM

The annual Parent of the Year award recognizes one University parent

Each year, the Student Ambassadors offered the Parent of the Year award as a way to recognize and show appreciation for an exceptional parent in the University community. In the fall, 64 students turned in the applications, which consisted of short answer and essay sections.

Junior Bill Williams of Student Ambassadors described the selection process as difficult. "It is so hard to select one Parent of the Year because each application is so genuine and touching. But in the end, there is one that always stands out among the rest," said Williams.

It was senior Emily Dowdy's application that stood out to the panel of Student Ambassador judges. She honored her mother, Jo English, with the Outstanding Parent of the Year Award. Dowdy knew about the award because she and her mother had seen the award given away before. "My mom and I had been to previous Parent's Weekend football games and seen other parents win...we even joked about her winning someday," she said.

Dowdy applied to the contest knowing that her mother deserved the honor. She tried to make her application entertaining because her mother would not have had it any other way. "I'm warning you...she's a wild one," Dowdy commented about her mom. Dowdy's essay turned out to be entertaining enough for the Student Ambassadors panel of judges.

The winner of the Parent of the Year contest was announced before the football game during Parent's Weekend. When the announcement was made this year, Dowdy said that her mother could not believe that she had won. "She was so completely shocked that she didn't even take her sunglasses off when she went to receive the award."

English, a mother of three, could not believe that her daughter had kept the secret. She said that Emily was not usually good at keeping secrets and that she had acted so calm all day; it made the award even more of a surprise.

English said that the award meant so much to her. "It was just such an

honor for Emily to take the time to turn in the application; it was really special to me."

Dowdy and her mother described their relationship as very close. They were best friends and both supported each other in everything they did.

Each year, a gift was given to the winner. This year, English was awarded with flowers, an engraved picture frame, and of course, the beautiful banner that she proudly displayed in her room.

Speaking of the award, Williams, added that "it really brings the JMU community closer together, and honors the parents that make it all possible."

Cary Bell



Accepting her award for Parent of the Year, Jo English is gathered with her family and Student Ambassadors at Bridgeforth Stadium. Nominations were accepted from University students and the award for Parent of the Year was presented at the pre-game show at the Parent's Weekend football game.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Zachary L. Graber, SCOM.; Virginia Beach, VA
Emily J. Graham, SMAD; Gwymedd Valley, PA
Sarah E. Graves, SCOM; Alexandria, VA
Carolyn A. Greco, Music; Woodbridge, VA
Jennifer L. Greenleaf, SCOM; Mechanicsburg, PA
April L. Gruber, Dance; Pittsburgh, PA

Peas and 14 Carrots

The new vegan restaurant brings new flavors to downtown Harrisonburg

Students were greeted with a new all-vegan restaurant when they returned to Harrisonburg in the fall. 14 Carrots, owned by Julia and David Miller, was the couple's third and most eclectic restaurant, which took over the space where their original Dave's Taverna used to be.

"The trend is toward a generation that will eat more vegetables than their parents," Mr. Miller told the *Daily News Record*. "So there's a growing market of people who want a tasty, healthy meal." The vegetarian and vegan-dining trend, which began in health-conscious California, quickly made its way across the nation as news reports boasted of lower cholesterol, decreased risk of heart problems and lower chances of developing cancer. The Millers were excited to provide a more healthy-dining option to the community.

Miller, who had 25 years of restaurant business experience, had already watched Greek menu-oriented Dave's Taverna and sister student-staple Dave's Express grow over the years. "Everyone loves Dave's," said senior Kerri Mangin. "We all loved the atmosphere and the food. When my dad came last year, he went twice in two days—the burgers are so good!"

Many students agreed that 14 Carrots was the most exciting idea to hit Harrisonburg in recent years. The menu and atmosphere was invented in part by a panel of about 15 Dave's employees, according to Miller, and was centered on all-vegan, healthy dining.

A Vegan menu meant that no meat and no dairy products were used in the meals at all—a complicated task for the average chef to master, as a great many foods contained some portions of dairy or meat in their recipes. A major challenge in vegan dining was making meals tasty and robust.

"I thought the food was really good," said junior Business major Alan Trombley. "I ordered 'chicken nuggets' and pasta...I love dairy and meat [but] it's a cool place for vegans and for non-vegans. It has a lot of character because you can seem them cooking right when you walk in. It also attracts a lot of hippie-types."

Senior Sally Seibert, a vegetarian English major, tried 14 Carrots, but found it to be not her style. "I'm a vegetarian who eats meatless things like cereal," she said. "14 Carrots is for vegetarians who like their gourmet tofu."

Whatever their approach to dining, students appreciated the Millers' response to their healthy-eating outcry. "I'm really glad they have it here," said Mangin. "It shows that people recognize the fact that we no longer want to eat grease all the time—that dining out can actually be healthy—even better than dining in sometimes!"

Carrie Belt



Preparing an order, junior Thomas Lahr serve out some vegan food. 14 Carrots opened in the old location of Dave's Downtown Taverna on South Main St. [Photo by Emily Dursa]

Rachel S Guelzo, SMAD ; Lynchburg, VA

Michelle Gussette, Music Ed , Fairfax Station, VA

Patrick J Hanley, History; Palm Harbor, FL

Brent A. Hardy, SMAD, Glen Allen, VA

Amanda L. Hayes, SMAD; Martinsville, VA

Courtney L. Helsing, SCOM; Beaver, PA





Joanna L. Hiteshew, English; Virginia Beach, VA
 Ivy N. Hobson, Sociology; Verona, VA
 Kathleen M. Hochradel, Poli. Science; Sparta, NJ
 Brittany L. Holbrook, Spanish; Richmond, VA
 Pamela J. Hoover, SCOM; McLean, VA
 Ricardo Horn, History; Bala Cynwyd, PA

Carey A. Hrbek, Sociology; Front Royal, VA
 William M. Hueglin, Music Ed.; Roanoke, VA
 Pamela R. Huss, History; Sayville, NY
 Gina Indellicate, SMAD; Dunn Loring, VA
 Deedee M. Jacobs, English; Fairfax, VA
 Jessica L. James, Poli. Science; Chesapeake, VA

Victoria S. Jessie, Sociology; Norfolk, VA
 Leah J. Jester, Art Education; Pungoteague, VA
 Sara C. Jett, Poli. Science; Fredericksburg, VA
 Eleanor M. Jones, SMAD; Fairfax, VA
 Jobi L. Jones, Interior Design; Suffolk, VA
 Jessica Kaleck, English; Islip, NY

Josh B. Kalichman, Music Comp.; Chesapeake, VA
 Maura, Kelly, Graphic Design; N. Potomac, MD
 Seong H. Kim, SCOM, Springfield, VA
 Sharon Kim, Mod. Foreign Lang; Fairfax Station, VA
 Beverly S. Kitchens, Graphic Design; Decatur, AL
 William B. Knight, Poli. Science; Richmond, VA

Sarah R. Kozup, Sociology; Herndon, VA
 Jennifer K. Krouse, SCOM; Woodbridge, VA
 Shannon S. Lally, Poli. Science; Fredericksburg, VA
 Christopher R. Lamm, History; Portsmouth, VA
 Dawn D. Lawson, Art, Stanardsville, VA
 Kristin M. Layton, Mod Foreign Lang.; Sterling, VA

Catherine A. Leonard, Graphic Design; Fairfax, VA
 Jerianne Litore, Poli. Science; Lyndhurst, NJ
 Paul A. Lindsay, Poli. Science; Washington, DC
 Megan B. Longmire, Poli. Science; Front Royal, VA
 Ashley Ludlow, Graphic Design; Fredericksburg, VA
 Rebecca K. Maas, SCOM; Ashland, VA

Jillian M. Macey, SCOM; Annapolis, MD
 Courtney L. MacGregor, SCOM; Poolesville, MD
 Errn M. Magnor, Poli. Science; Southampton, NY
 Samantha Matland, Graphic Design; Dinwiddie, VA
 Julianne M. Maloney, English; Weyers Cave, VA
 Sarah D. Manley, SMAD; Verona, NJ

Elizabeth Clare Martin, English; Carlisle, PA
 Sara E. Martin, Anthropology; Chesapeake, VA
 Jessica W. Maxwell, SMAD; Alexandria, VA
 Behvin L. McDonnell, English; Reston, VA
 Liz M. McElaney, Studio Art; Cranston, RI
 Siobhan M. McFadden, SMAD; Stafford, VA



Christopher McGrath, SMAD; McLean, VA
 Stephanie A. McKaughan, History; Darlington, MD
 Kimberly G. McKenzie, SMAD; Springfield, VA
 Carrie-Vicenta G. Meadows, SCOM; Lynchburg, VA
 Brian C. Melchers, TSC; Chesapeake, VA
 Elizabeth M. Menzie, Musical Theatre; Oak Hill, VA



Jenna L. Meshanko, Psychology; Langhorne, PA
 Katharine A. Milburn, SCOM; Falls Church, VA
 Andrew Miller, Art; Springfield, VA
 Laura Miller, Poli. Science; Springfield VA
 Adam J. Monroe, History; Chester, VA
 Lindsey S. Montague, SMAD; Great Falls, VA



Angela M. Morgan, English; Richmond, VA
 Matthew E. Morgan, SMAD; Harleysville, PA
 Daniel J. Morris, SMAD; East Granby, CT
 Kelly S. Morris, ISS; West Hartford, CT
 Corby Morrison, Graphic Design; Stephens City, VA
 Matthew R. Morrison, Sociology; Berryville, VA



Amber B. Moyers, Sociology; Mt Crawford, VA
 Lindsay J. Murphy, SMAD; Germantown, MD
 Sarah E. Murray, Poli. Science; Hopkinton, NH
 Kimberly Musgnug, Mus.Ed.; Huntington Station, NY
 Rachel K. Nevins, ISS; Carlisle, PA
 Lauren N. Newman, Poli. Science; Dresher, PA



Brian J. Nido, Poli. Science; Fairfax, VA
 Caitlyn B. O'Connor, Sociology; Stafford, VA
 Maureen R. O'Halloran, SMAD, Charlottesville, VA
 Erin J. O'Neill, SMAD; Manopac, NY
 Will E. Ogle, Theatre; Douglassville, PA
 Melanie C. Oglesby, Art Education; Richmond, VA



Michael T. Ozment, Music Ed.; Richmond, VA
 Marna M. Palmer, Poli. Science; Dumfries, VA
 Sarah A. Pantke, Theatre/Dance; Dumfries, VA
 Nicole E. Pennucci, English; Syosset, NY
 Erika M. Peters, Poli. Science; Richmond, VA
 Raymond A. Pettis, English; Woodbridge, VA



Mediating **The Masses**

Senior Kevin Melton dedicates himself to helping others

Post wartime crises called for gallant efforts of individuals within their communities to step up and become leaders. Senior Kevin Melton heard this call and responded. He acted based on his belief that “one individual can make more of a difference today than at any other time in history.” Furthermore, he recognized that peace in all countries could only be found through communication and shared resolve.

Melton, who spent the past seven years of his life involved with conflict mediation, spent his summer working for a non-government agency that promoted peace through understanding. “Non-government agencies,” said Melton, “are freer than a government agency because they don’t have as many rules.” Melton was not the type of man who liked to follow someone else’s rules.

As a global leader in the field of conflict mediation, Melton strove to make his own rules and carve out his own path. “I heard of the opportunity to help out and thought, ‘why not,’” he said. “I just want to do my best...I just want to get out there and do it and by doing it, be an example for my peers. There’s no reason anyone here can’t do exactly what I’ve done, but it’s a matter of actually doing it,” Melton said.

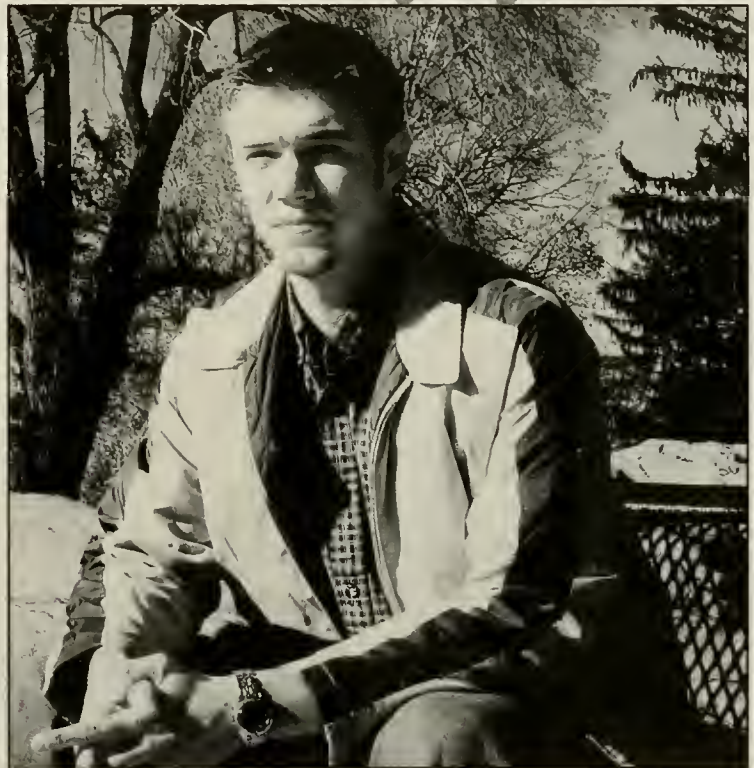
Melton began his summer as an intern with the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution and quickly worked his way up. He was invited to join his supervisor at a conference in The Hague. While there, his boss was so impressed with him, that he sent him to Turkey for the purpose of investigating the area for future conferences.

“Kevin is a natural leader,” said Robert Harris, director of alliance for conflict transformation. “When he comes into a room, his presence becomes not known because of anything specifically that he does, but because he walks in, graciously greets everyone with a smile and hello, and seeks to connect with people and help them in any way he can. He is a go-to person.”

Melton’s go-get-’em attitude held fast while he was in Turkey and he was able to successfully complete his job. To his advantage, Melton had a friend who lived in Turkey and took him around the city of Istanbul. His research resulted in Istanbul being chosen as the site for a new international conflict resolution-training program.

As a result of his success in Turkey, Melton was invited to South Africa over the winter holiday to repeat the mission there. “If anybody needs anything, they can go to Kevin with the confidence that he will help them in any way he can,” said Harris who planned to use Melton’s leadership skills more after he graduated. “I have the highest respect for Kevin and his commitment to helping make the world a better and safer place.”

Carrie Belt



Taking a break on The Quad, senior Kevin Melton reflects on his upcoming presentation. Melton’s dedication towards educating the University on ways to handle conflict and stress was an outstanding hobby.

[Photo by Emily Dursa]



Sheana E. Pickard, Graphic Design; Sedona, AZ
 Deborah A. Plumley, Interior Design; Richmond, VA
 Joshua F. Porter, Poli. Science; Max Meadows, VA
 Katrina M. Purcell, SMAD; Stafford, VA
 Kimberly L. Quesenberry, Theater; Roanoke, VA
 Tina L. Radin, SCOM; Kings Park, NY

Leading Our School

SGA President Levar Stoney brings leadership to a new level

As student body President, senior Levar Stoney played a big part in helping to make the school the best it could be. "I am a part of SGA because I love people and I love making a positive difference in their lives...my favorite thing about JMU is the people. I can walk anywhere on campus and receive a hello or a smile. Since day one I've never felt like a stranger on campus, and that is comforting," said Stoney.

Stoney said that the role of student body president was to be, "responsible for relaying student concerns to the James Madison University administration and serves as the chief executive officer of the SGA, overseeing all Student Government Association activities and inquiries. In addition, [he] presides as chairman of the Executive Council."

According to their mission statement, the Student Government Association worked as a whole to, "serve and represent the ideas, opinions and concerns of the student body." They managed to fulfill their mission through working with the Board of Visitors to over turn the decision that eliminated the distribution of Emergency Contraceptive Pills from the Health Center.

"The biggest accomplishment of the year was our concluding efforts to overturn the Emergency Contraceptive Pill decision made by the Board of Visitors. Now any female student will have the ability to walk into their health center and retrieve this drug. We always saw this as a student service issue and to see it restored shows that the student opinion actually matters," said Stoney.

Stoney added, "I would have to say my biggest accomplishment this year was my ability to see the ECP issue to its fruition. It took a strong resolve and patience to continue to stand up for what you believe. I am just proud that I was able to stand with others to serve students when it counts. This is an issue that will be affecting the lives of students from years to come, so the impact, I would have to say, is immeasurable."

Although Stoney spent a lot of time working with the SGA, it was not the only thing he was involved with on campus. "I am a double major in Public Administration and Political Science...I am also involved with College Democrats on-campus. I've always been a politically active person, and this organization provides an outlet for my views."

Stoney said, "I've been involved with student government since I was in elementary school, and it has been something that has followed me all the way through college. It also provides an education that I cannot receive in the classroom. In some sense, I believe I'll be graduating with two degrees, one in academics and one in service."

Ashley McClelland

Speaking on the new September 11th memorial at the College Center, senior Levar Stoney interviews with a local TV news station. Stoney had many responsibilities outside of campus, one of which was to communicate with the surrounding communities.

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Gary C. Ramos, Poli. Science; Annandale, VA
 Carolyn B. Ramsey, SCOM; Roanoke, VA
 Edward Reis, Interior Design; Mineola, NY
 Erin E. Reynolds, French; Sicklerville, NJ
 Morgan A. Riehl, SMAD; Falls Church, VA
 Sarah R. Ritchie, ISS; Fredericksburg, VA





Doug A. Roberts, History; Sterling, VA
 Justin S. Robinson, Spanish; Virginia Beach, VA
 Wendy A. Rogers, Graphic Design; Falls Church, VA
 Dana M. Rosenblum, SMAD; Commack, NY
 Sara E. Ross, SMAD; Burke, VA
 Travis A. Rountree, English; Richmond, VA

Jennifer L. Rubino, TSC; Clifton, VA
 Amanda K. Russell, SMAD, Hallwood, VA
 Krista A. Russo, Art Education; New Hope, PA
 Alaina K. Sadick, SCOM.; Yorktown, VA
 Zak M. Salih, English; Burke, VA
 Ryan M. Salvatore, Art; Vernon, CT

Nicholas E. Sarli, History; Stafford, VA
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 Kathleen G. Schoelwer, Music Ed.; Arlington, VA
 Jared M. Schwartz, English; Wilmington, DE
 Sally A. Seibert, English; Richmond, VA
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 Jaclyn A. Stephenson, SMAD; Wyckoff, NJ
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 Laura A. Teets, English; Wayne, PA

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 Laura S. Trigger, SMAD; Fredericksburg, VA
 Melinda A. Tucker, Art, Mathews, VA



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 Thomas H. Tyler, Anthropology; Middleburg, VA
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 Matthew G. Urena, SMAD; Washington, DC
 Sarah W. Vaughan, History; Blue Ridge, VA
 Whitney M. Vergara, Poli. Science; Chester, VA



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 Jennifer K. Villone, SMAD; Medfield, MA
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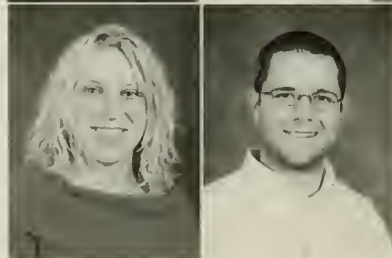
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 Ashley A. Williams, SCOM; Westerville, OH
 Drew Wilson, SMAD; Danville, VA



Frenita J. Wilson, Music; Danville, VA
 Danielle R. Wonkovich, Art; Independence, OH
 Katie L. Wright, SMAD; Henry, VA
 Sherry L. Wright, Sociology; Chesterfield, VA
 Nadine F. Wu, Sociology; Dumfries, VA
 Oleg P. Yagolnikov, Graphic Design; Harrisonburg, VA



Julianne Zavacky, SMAD; Charlottesville, VA
 Dirk E. Zondag, Art; Princeton, NJ



An Educating Maze

The Arboretum Labyrinth gives students life-sized puzzle

Hidden in between the trees of the Arboretum was an adventure waiting to ruse the minds of those who dared to enter. The labyrinth was built in the past year because of an interest that sparked Dr. Ronald Nelson.

Nelson read a book entitled "Larry's Party" by Carol Shields that was about an ordinary man who visited a labyrinth and had a life changing experience. Since then, Nelson began to collect everything he could find in regards to labyrinths and mazes. He began to read poetry and short stories about them to become an expert in the field.

After studying the therapeutic structure, he came up with an idea to share the experience with the academic community. Arboretum Directors Dennis Whetzel, Vick Landis, Pat Kennedy, Ron Brown and Nelson gathered to find a perfect spot for a labyrinth. Together they found a wooded area in the Arboretum that would be the precise intimate setting for such an intriguing structure.

After hauling rocks away and clearing trees from the area, the team was able to see the ground where the arrangement would be located. They used the Chartres Cathedral in France as a referral point in the construction

of the University labyrinth. "It feels good to have been part of a tradition that can be traced up to 4,500 years," Nelson said.

People often asked about the difference between a labyrinth and a maze. Nelson explained that a labyrinth was a uni-cursal path that had one way in and one way out. Whereas, a maze was multi-cursal that involved making decisions. "A labyrinth has a sense of mystery. The center is the objective. It helps the person create a way to concentrate their energy on something," Nelson said.

The mystery of the labyrinth let people get in touch with what was important in life. The first Sunday of each month, a group called Friends of the Labyrinth took a moment out of their day to walk the web. Somehow a sense of peace came over the people who took the journey on the path. According to Nelson, walking the labyrinth helped a hectic schedule and allowed time to think about life's goals. He recommended his students try walking the labyrinth as an activity to get them to focus. Nelson said, "I suggest that my students walk it out of curiosity just to see what it is. It is dangerous to expect a lot. But, the goal is to get in touch with nature."

Angela Morgan

Located in the Edith Carrier Arboretum, the man-made labyrinth is available for anyone to experience. Created by professor Ronald Nelson, the purpose of the Labyrinth was to intrigue and challenge. [Photo courtesy of Photography Services]



College of Business

The College of Business offered its students a chance to get hands on experience through group projects. One group project that offered four students a chance to show off their skills was the second annual Goodman Accounting Challenge.

Goodman & Company was a large public accounting firm based out of Norfolk, VA. According to the College of Business website, eight universities sent 11 teams to compete, and the University's team came home with the first place prize. The team consisted of Felix von Lepel, Jennifer Wange, Matthew Reddy, Teresa Hilliard, alternate Ben Hawkins and professor Sandy Cereola who acted as a chaperone. Each student brought back \$250 and the University received \$2,500.

"The project entailed working on cases here at JMU by doing research in the FASB statements and applying this to real world scenarios and sending our answers to Goodman & Co. Then we were chosen as one of the top four schools that submitted the first set of cases and were invited to come work

on four more cases at Goodman offices. Again we did research and answered the cases as if we would have done in the real business world," said Reddy.

Wange said, "I think that our team won because first and foremost we had a wonderful background of knowledge from JMU's accounting department. On top of that, our team really all enjoyed each other and we worked beautifully as a group to delegate and trust each other with answers and support. No doubt we couldn't have won without Cereola's willingness to feed and motivate us through it all."

Students in the COB program also received hands on training through COB 300. "COB 300 is a block of 4 classes (marketing, management, finance and operations) that get into the core of the business world. In COB 300 you are assigned into a group of five to six of your fellow students and you come up with a business and layout a business plan, outlining all aspects of the business. Its pretty intense and a lot of fun. COB 300 is really the big project in the school," said junior Philip Smiley.

The students left the College of Business with skills and experience that could take them into the real world. "As a business major, there are many fundamental methods and techniques that we learn in our classes, but that's to be expected with any major. Really in my mind what separates business majors from other majors are our abilities to work in groups to get the job done. Since there are many different fields in the business world, we must learn to rely on each other's skills and talents to get the job done. Tying into that, there is an emphasis on the people skills needed to survive in the business world," said Smiley.

Ashley McClelland

Gathering at a Hotel and Tourism Management theme dinner, the College Center Ballroom is transformed into the "Roaring 20's." Hotel and Tourism Management was a Business major that promoted group projects and marketing experience.

[Photo by Ali Johnston]



Stephanie A. Ackerman, Accounting, Alexandria, VA
 Alysha N. Akbar, Marketing, Great Falls, VA
 Doris Akpeme, Accounting, Severna Park, MD
 April A. Amendola, Marketing, Ridgefield, CT
 Laura E. Anderson, PUAD, Mechanicsville, VA
 Vanessa D. Araguas, Marketing, Olney, MD





Emily A. Armitage, Accounting, McLean, VA
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 Benjamin G. Baker, Marketing, Old Church, VA
 Sarah E. Barber, PUAD; Allentown, PA
 Sarah C. Baughan, HTM, Richmond, VA



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 Kevin J. Bower, Marketing; Westville, NJ
 Julia M. Boyle, Intl Business; Springfield, VA
 Patrick B. Bray, Public Administration; Fairfax, VA
 Madeline S. Breen, Marketing; Annandale, VA



Andrew J. Brown, Business; Gloucester, VA
 Dominick Bruno, Finance; Melville, NY
 Adam C. Bryant, Accounting; Windsor, VA
 Lindsey M. Buck, Marketing, Jamestown, NY
 Glenn J. Bukowski, Economics; Eastport, NY
 Travis L. Campbell, Accounting; Stuarts Draft, VA



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 Megan G. Carney, Economics; Midlothian, VA
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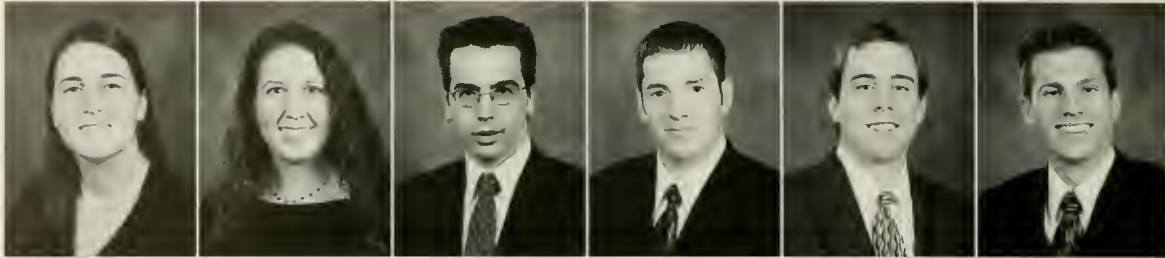


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 Matthew S. Coffey, Business Mgt, Fairfax, VA
 Bradley D. Connors, Marketing; Aurora, NY
 Cari V. Converse, Marketing; Annandale, VA



Clifton W. Copley, PUAD; Hampton, VA
 Gary E. Costanzo, Finance; Springfield, VA
 Jennifer L. Cox, Accounting; Fairfax, VA
 Benjamin C. Crawford, Marketing; Winchester, VA
 Rad C. Davenport, Bus. Admin.; Norfolk, VA
 Katherine E. DeLuca, Finance; Wading River, NY

Megan K. DeVerna, PUAD; Speonk, NY
 Michelle L. DuBow, Marketing; Potomac, MD
 Jason E. Dychus, HTM; Martinsville, NJ
 Noah S. Early, Economics; Mt. VA
 Paul C. Eaton, Accounting; Clifton, VA
 Thomas C. Evans, Finance; Cherry Hill, NJ



Ryan J. Fagan, Management; Midlothian, VA
 Andrew A. Ferranti, MIS; Glen Rock, NJ
 Christopher N. Fewell, Marketing; Woodbridge, VA
 Tameka F. Fitzgerald, PUAD; Virginia Beach, VA
 John D. Fogle, Management; Fort Valley, VA
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 Chris M. Gandia, Intl Business; New York, NY
 Julia L. Gardella, Management; Burke, VA
 Jason A. Garrett, Accounting; Chesterfield, VA
 Kristal Garrett, Intl Business; Vienna, VA



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 Kristin L. Goodine, Intl Affairs; Pembroke, MA
 Alicia R. Granados, Marketing; Richboro, PA
 Katherine M. Guss, Finance; Warrenton, VA



Charlene R. Hall, PUAD; Chesapeake, VA
 Lauren E. Hall, MIS; Falls Church, VA
 Jennifer N. Hammel, Marketing; Herndon, VA
 James E. Harris IV, Finance; Sterling, VA
 Kristy N. Harville, Management; Danville, VA
 Timothy Hassard, Finance; Wayne, NJ



Lindsay Haus, Intl Business; Wading River, NY
 Christopher R. Haynes, Oper. Mgt; Midlothian, VA
 Stephanie L. Hihn, Economics; Harrisburg, PA
 Teresa R. Hilliard, Accounting; Luray, VA
 Mark R. Hockman, Management; Lovettsville, VA
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Wall Of Frames

Senior Morgan Riehl brings international photos to the Artful Dodger

A picture could say a thousand words, but one of these might have left you speechless. Senior Morgan Riehl had a knack for captivating amazing moments with her photography.

Riehl's love for photography began at a young age. "My dad taught me how to use his old manual Canon when I was still in elementary school, but it wasn't until high school and college that I decided that it was something I wanted to pursue as a career."

When Riehl came to the University, she decided that a major in Media Arts and Design with a concentration in Print Journalism would be just the ticket for her to chase her professional goals. Besides taking classes, Riehl involved herself in many campus activities to expand not only her résumé, but to fulfill her need for creativity. As of junior year, she stayed busy working for the University Sports Media office, The Breeze and The Bluestone. Senior year she received the position of Photography Editor of The Bluestone.

With constant photographing events, Riehl became recognizable. "I was out one night and some guy came up to me and said 'Hey! You're the photo chick!'" she said. She added that she couldn't believe people could actually recognize her from all her work.

With each picture, Riehl tried to depict something different and original. She said she did not try to emulate any other photographers work; she just tried to be herself and express her perspective. "Each situation calls for a different angle; If I am shooting travel, then the uniqueness of the place; a concert, the energy of the band and the audience; sports, the drive behind the athlete. My goal is to always look deeper than the first appearance," she said. "No matter how exciting or mundane my assignment may be, I try to put my perspective on the situation and express that through the picture."

In December, Riehl scheduled a photography show at the Artful Dodger, the downtown coffee shop. "I knew they showed art, but it was my roommate's idea that I pursue the opportunity," Riehl said. Her display was up from January 18th through February 14th. There was a party for the opening of the exhibition for friends and others on January 19th.

"I try my best not to make plans, because with a medium like photography, you never know what door may open, and being willing to grab opportunity when it arrives is vital." But, she said she had no real plan for the future and that didn't bother her. "I know that I'll continue to do what it takes to keep moving forward, wherever that may be. I just hope to share my experiences and share my perspective on the world. I simply hope that my photography creates some feeling within the viewer, if that be happiness of something beautiful, uneasiness at something disturbing, or perhaps just a desire to go travel and see what the world has to offer."

Kristin Short



Explaining her photography, senior Morgan Riehl shows off her work during her art opening at the Artful Dodger. Riehl's photography was on display at the downtown coffee shop for a month.

[Photo by Alison Johnston]



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Rebecca M. Karli, Economics; Lebanon, PA
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Convocation Style Country

Senior Mia Jones opens for Phil Vassar at the Convocation Center

"Singing has always been what I wanted to do. I just loved being on stage and pouring my heart out," said senior Marketing major, Mia Jones.

Jones claimed that being a singer/songwriter star had always been her passion. "I would always look at singers on TV and at concerts and wish it were me. I always thought, hey, I could do that too, just give me that opportunity," she said.

Her singing career began when she entered and won a talent show at summer camp when she was 12 years old. "That's when I thought, hey that was really fun!" Jones said. She added that before then, she never even knew she had a voice. "I remember my mom singing to me when I was little and thinking she had a pretty voice, so I'm thinking that's where I might have gotten the bug," she said.

Jones began her local fame by singing at Alston's Pub, entering into contests and opening for other country singers at the local bar. These singers included Blake Shelton, Jamie O'Neal, Deirks Bentley and Jimmy Wayne. Also, in late December Jones did a four-hour set with her band. "I love going to Alston's because the people are great, and although it's not a huge place and sometimes there aren't that many people there, it is a great place to work at being a good entertainer," she said.

The experience at Alston's led Jones to win the contest to open for the University's own alum, country sensation Phil Vassar. Jones said, "I had wanted to meet him since I found out he went to JMU. I just think he is such a tremendous talent and person, and when I heard they were having a contest (because all my friends kept telling me about it) I decided I would give it a try, just to meet him." Even though nerves took over, her performance for the contest won the judges over. "I guess since Phil is country and I was too, that's why they chose me. There were some amazing people that tried out, so the competition was definitely stiff."

"Opening for Phil was so surreal! I don't think I have ever felt so giddy and nervous. Phil was so nice and complementing that it just kinda made me feel a bit more comfortable," she said. At her University debut, Jones performed songs by several other artists and even some of her own, which were all very crowd appealing.

"I have the best support system in the world," Jones said about the people who stand behind her. She said that her family, old and new roommates and friends are so honest with her that it helps her to become a stronger singer. "I think that knowing that they are behind me, no matter how bad I mess up a song or something like that, because they do tell me, just lets me be myself on stage and do the best I can. Knowing that they are genuinely honest and caring is all I can ask for."

Jones planned on graduating and then moving to Nashville. There, she planned to find a full-time job to support her and write and sing on the side. "My ultimate goal is to sing, but I need some money to survive too. I think I'm going to give myself a few years, and if its not what I want to do after that then I'll leave, but as long as I feel like I'm getting somewhere or that I can write songs that people love to sing, then I'll stay."

Kristin Short



Singing, "Jealousy" by Natalie Merchant, senior Mia Jones performs at the Convocation Center. Jones won a contest at Alston's Pub in order to open for Phil Vassar.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



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Shiloh's **Nine Lives**

The girls of the Shiloh house bring Christianity and fun together

Shiloh house had been vacant for 10 years before nine girls made it their home. The day she first saw it, junior Kimberly Jones, one of the nine, called the house, "...the ugliest house I've ever seen...I'm not living there." When the landlord promised to fix up the house for them though, complete with new bathrooms, kitchens, front porch, and washer and dryer, the deal was closed. The ladies even got to pick the colors for the rooms in their new house. Jones said, "It's been fun to see it transformed. Everyone comes over and says 'This is the coolest house ever!'"

But, why the name Shiloh? Nine girls lived in the house, all of which were Christians. They named the house after Samuel 3:21 that said, "The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word." Jones said, "We wanted the house to be a place that honored God and where people could be ministered to."

With a newly renovated and named house, the ladies moved in. The house was made up of two apartments, each with a living room, bath and kitchen, but that did not stop the Shiloh girls from coming together. House dinners

were planned once a week where two housemates volunteered to buy the food and cook. When school was cancelled, they had breakfast together. Both dining experiences served several purposes. Junior Emily Cook said, "It's been fun to have eight other people there to talk to, cry, tell whatever."

When Hurricane Isabel hit, someone had forgotten to put the windows down. Senior Ginger Pettengill's room flooded and the water flowed down through sophomore Meghan Vancouver's closet. The Shiloh girls used every towel in the house to soak up the rivers of water and while it was frustrating at the time, the experience was a great story to tell others.

The girls also babysat the maintenance man's daughter when they found out he was a single dad trying to raise a two-year old by himself. An Australian friend of junior Sara Iverson lived in the house with the girls over her summer break. Sophomore Keri Steckman, a Shiloh resident, said, "I transferred this year and it's been helpful living here. There's always someone to talk to and ask questions to."

The Shiloh girls varied from quiet to boisterous and from sophomores to seniors. Junior Marie Acosta was known to sing karaoke in her room and each of the other girls had a guitar except Vancouver. Pettengill said, "I love how different everyone is. Everyone brings a different flavor to the house, but we mesh well." Vancouver added, "My favorite thing is that we're all different ages and the extreme of each others personality, but we know each other so well." Jones said, "It's been the highlight of my JMU experience."

Angela Norcross

Eating dinner, members of the Shiloh house gather for their weekly house dinner. Seniors Ginger Pettengill, Gail Decker, juniors Kimberly Jones, Kristin Lewis, Emily Cook, Sara-Beth Iverson, Marie Acosta, sophomores Meghan Vancouver, Keri Steckman occupied the two-apartment house on East Market St.

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Daily Life Savers

Harrisonburg EMTs donate their time and passion to help others

Imagine an emergency situation; being trapped in a car after a horrible car wreck, or being in need of life support after suffering a stroke. Imagine having to rescue someone who had just overdosed on sleeping pills or an elderly person who was unable to move because they had fallen. These are just some of the situations that the student volunteers of the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad encountered.

College students consisted of 70 percent of the squad. These students volunteered their time to receive the benefit of helping out in the community. Some of the situations that these students encountered were overwhelming, but they stayed devoted to their volunteer work. The Rescue Squad required members to run a minimum of five shifts a month and attend business and training meetings. Each member was responsible for filling a shift in which an Emergency Trained Medic driver was needed in order to assist the less experienced members, and a crew leader was present to answer emergency calls. Crew leaders were the most highly trained experienced providers on an ambulance, followed by was the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, then the EMT paramedic.

Restitution for the students did not come in the form of money, but came by the satisfaction they gained by saving another person's life. This reward was truly invaluable. Student volunteer, senior Brian LaTuga said that his biggest reward was the gratitude shown to him by the people who had been in a life-threatening situation. LaTuga said, "I think the one thing that can keep you hooked on helping people in emergencies or who are trapped in their car is your patient seeing you later and saying 'thank you.'"

Even though students were volunteer members, they were trained the same as paid employees within the profession. Students who volunteered at the rescue squad received massive amounts of training to be qualified as a member. Some of their duties involved being the secretary, Lieutenant 44, a member of the board of directors, crew leader or a driver.

Sarah Putnam, a senior Nursing major, planned to further her work in a Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit. She explained how the squad helped her to gain the experience needed to reach her goals. "I will definitely become a better nurse because of my experiences on the squad. The squad has not only helped me get through school just because of the medical knowledge that I need, but it has really helped me develop communication and assessment skills for all types of people of all ages."

LaTuga explained how the people that he worked with on the rescue squad and the patients that he helped kept him involved and appreciative. He said, "You see a lot of depressing situations that people live in and a lot of people that are just so far out of your imagination that you realize how much you actually have."

The simple thought of trying to be in a position of saving another's life could be overwhelming. Senior Alison Crawley said, "When you are in the situation and your adrenaline takes over."

The time commitment varied from person to person. Somehow these students managed to balance their school work and still able to find time to volunteer to help at the squad. Crawley said she managed to take on five duties per month, work a part time job and was able to be a full time student. She said, "You must sacrifice your sleep." She added that the payoff was worth every minute.

The Harrisonburg Rescue Squad became a family to those who were members. They all tried their best to look out for each other's best interest whether or not they were students. Unified with the squad by Good Samaritan goals LaTuga said, "I feel like I can go to almost anybody in the squad and talk to them about anything in confidence. We will cook for each other, help each other with school work, and just about everything you could imagine happening in a family situation will happen at the squad."

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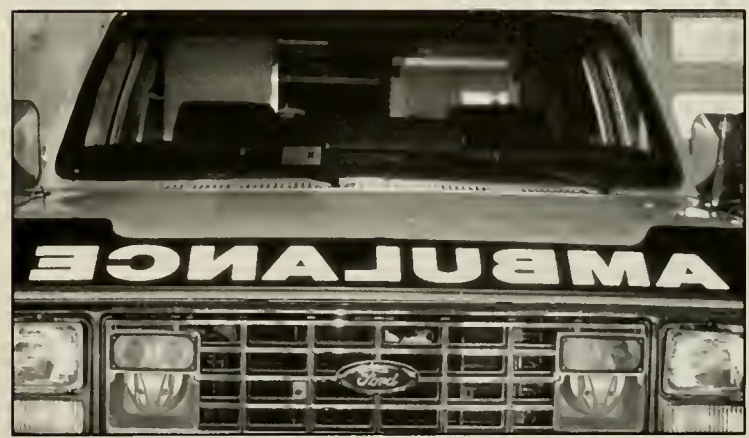




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Loading in a stretcher, sophomore Whitney Morris and freshman Danielle Budzius practice real life situations. Emergency Medical Technicians were 70 percent comprised of University students. [Photo by Alison Johnston]



Located off of Reservoir St. and University Blvd., the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad serves the immediate and surrounding area. The location was created from donations from the community. [Photo by Alison Johnston]

Fastening the backboard straps together, senior Brian LaTuga makes sure they are secure in case of a real emergency. The University offered a class for interested participants to experience life as an EMT. [Photo by Alison Johnston]

College of Education

They said the world was a stage, and for seniors in the College of Education, this became a well-known truth as they were sent out into their future field as student teachers. "Student teaching was the culminating experience in the teacher licensure program," said Dr. Martha Ross, coordinator of the Early Childhood Education program. "It allowed candidates to fully integrate their knowledge of children and content, effective teaching strategies, assessment and reflection to move from the student role to that of an independent professional."

The students were placed in local city and county schools throughout the Valley. Although the majority completed their placements locally, some students taught in approved regions such as the Fairfax, Richmond or Tidewater areas. For most programs, students completed 16 weeks of student teaching in two different placements. "For example, early and middle education candidates would work with two different grade levels and special education candidates would work with two types of special needs," said Ross. In addition, a few students were accepted to student teach abroad in Bristol, England and Rome, Italy.

Once in the classroom, the student teacher essentially became the second teacher in the classroom. Senior Candace Fletcher, a student teacher placed in the third grade at Shenandoah Elementary in Page County, said, "When I first started student teaching, I would teach one or two lessons a day. Throughout the rest of my student teaching, I gradually took over the responsibilities of the teacher." Along with the classroom experience, the students participated in a seminar as well. "The seminar helped with job interviews, placements and things such as that," said Fletcher.

Students in the College of Education were not simply thrown into the classroom for their student teaching experience. Throughout previous semesters, students participated in several practicum settings in various grade levels to gain experience in a classroom setting and maximize their time as student teachers. "Because of the number of practicum experiences that students have before student teaching they are very familiar with the classroom," said Ross. "However, student teaching is another full semester of coursework. So over the course of the semester, students had the opportunity to integrate their knowledge and demonstrate that they were

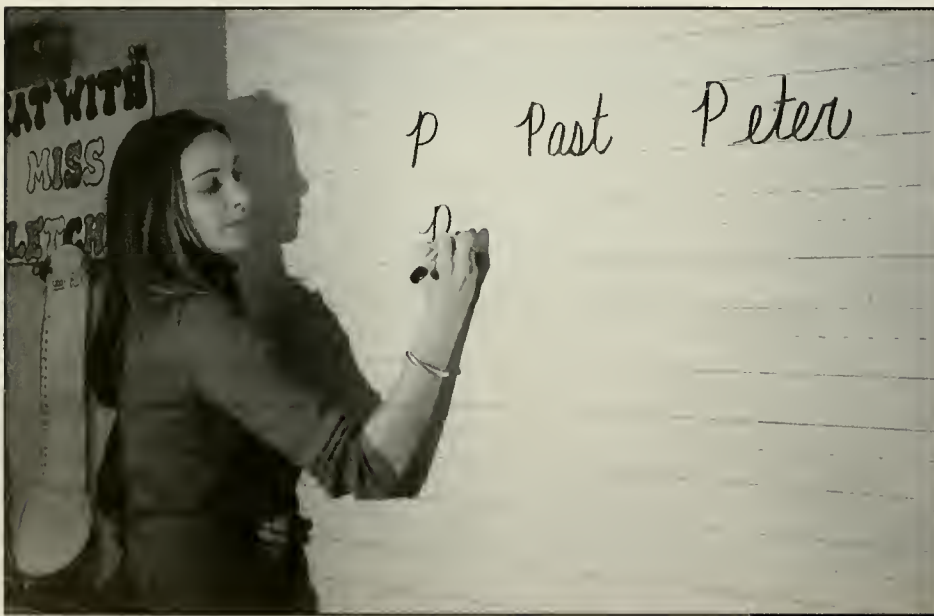
ready for their own classroom with continued support of a University supervisor and mentor teacher."

Although Fletcher said she felt adequately prepared for her student teaching experience, she acknowledged that she still had a lot to learn, and student teaching did just that. "It was such an important experience because I really got to experience exactly the things that a teacher does. I was nervous at first, but very excited and it was a lot of fun. I learned more from my student teaching experience than I did in any classroom."

Leanne Chambers

Student teaching in Page County, senior Candace Fletcher works in a third grade classroom. The College of Education prepared prospective teachers through student teaching and volunteering in counties covering the entire Valley.

[Photo courtesy of Candace Fletcher]



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College of Integrated Science And Technology

While many students spent their days scampering between classes, waiting in line for parking spaces and counting the hours before their next meal, senior Health Sciences major Laura Schreffler was helping to change the world through hands-on occupational therapy fieldwork.

Schreffler wanted to be an occupational therapist and knew that in order to be good, she had to put in the necessary experiential learning hours. By her senior year, she had already completed a fieldwork study at Johnston Willis Hospital in Richmond where she worked with in-patient adult and elderly rehabilitation. Yet she wanted to learn more.

During Spring Semester of her senior year, Schreffler committed herself to long days of working with children who had disabilities in the Augusta County school system. "I worked with children of many disabilities to help them gain access to their education," Schreffler said. "This included working on children's handwriting, attention, positioning and working with fine motor skills."

Occupational Therapy, according to the American Occupational Therapy Association, "is skilled treatment that helps individuals achieve independence in all facets of their lives. It gives people the skills for the job of living necessary for independent and satisfying lives."

Schreffler chose a career of Occupational Therapy because she wanted to feel that she "was making a difference and a positive impact on people's lives everyday," she said.

Schreffler thanked her fieldwork experience for her knowledge in dealing with a broad range of patient issues, from children's disabilities to helping patients whose mobility had been restricted due to respiratory disease, spinal cord injury, surgery, mental retardation and learning disabilities.

"Most importantly," Schreffler said of her fieldwork experiences, "[I] learned how to develop patient rapport and interact with patients to achieve effective treatments. I learned how to treat patients holistically and look at how their diagnosis affected their ability to function in everyday life."

Furthermore, she said, "I learned how to teach individuals to regain function or compensate for the function they had lost because of their injury or illness."

Occupational Therapy, Schreffler said, "is a field in the medical profession that truly makes a positive impact on patient's lives... these people [with injuries or disabilities] are able to care for themselves in many ways and should be offered the opportunity to do so." With a passionate therapist like Schreffler, help for those who needed it was on the way.

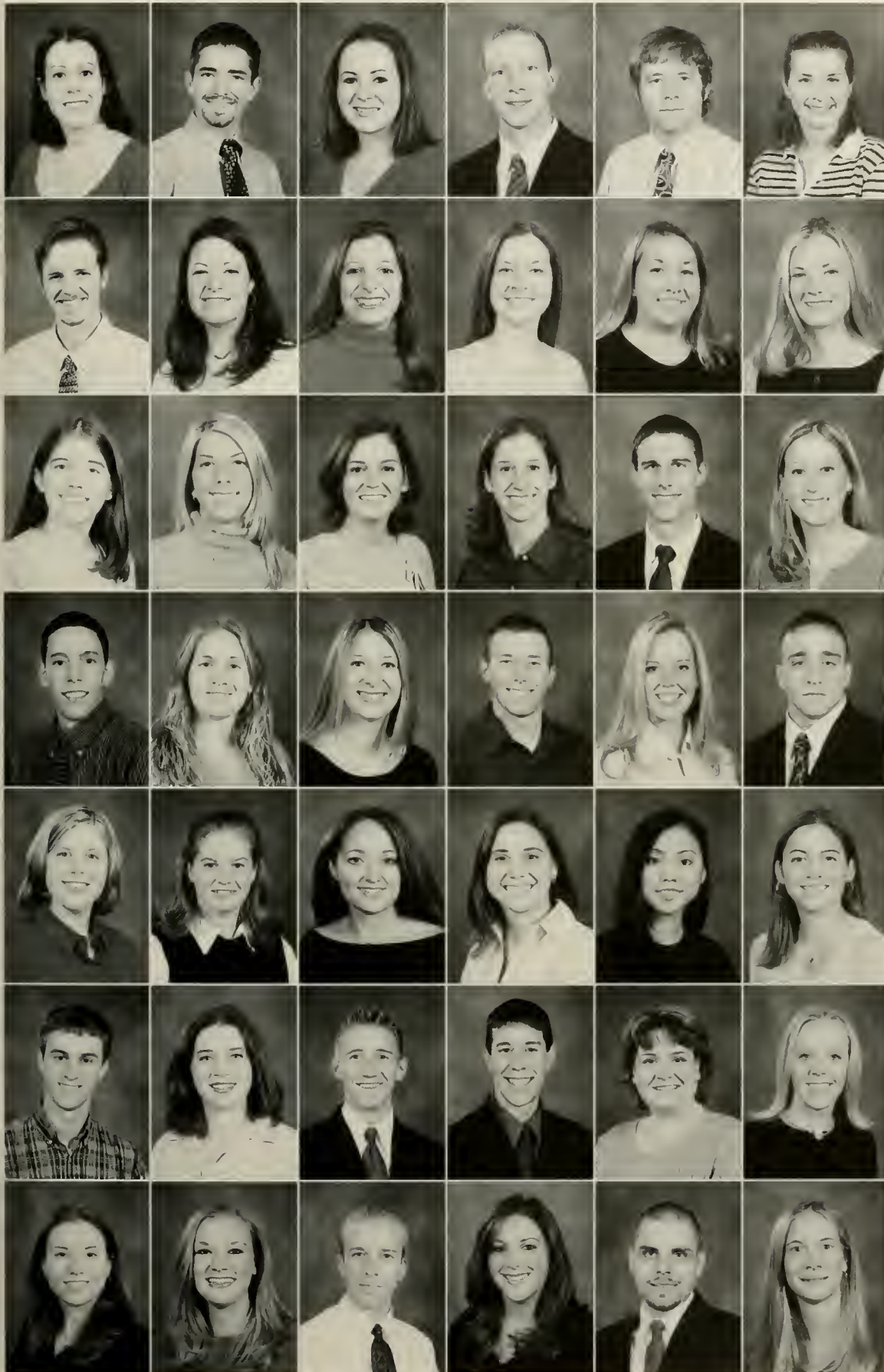
Carrie Belt

Spilling out of class, students descend down the numerous steps of ISAT. The Integrated Science and Technology college was home to various majors ranging from Computer Science to Psychology. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



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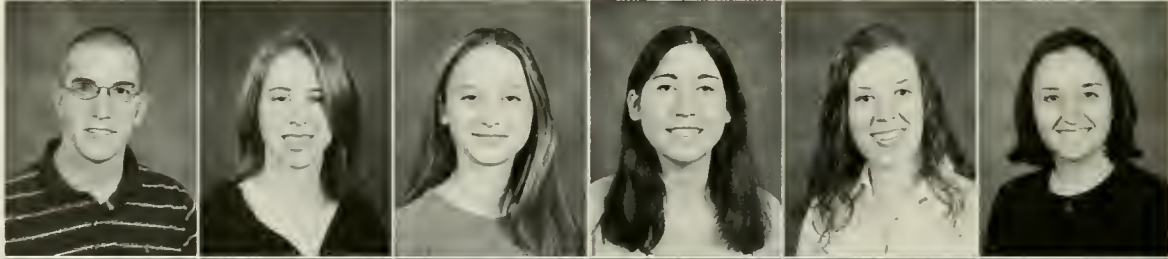
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 Kristen M. Chhim, CIS; Alexandria, VA
 Gregory S. Chin, CIS; Oak Hill, VA



Seohe Choi, CIS; Seoul, Korea
 Nicole Chung, Comp. Sci. Potomac Falls, VA
 Susannah J. Clifford, Psychology; Herndon, VA
 Brandon M. Cline, Comp. Sci.; Staunton, VA
 Leovino V. Clomera, Jr, Health Sci.; Falls Church, VA
 Erin R. Close, Psychology; Mechanicsville, VA



Michael J. Collins, Comp. Sci.; Herndon, VA
 Kathy E. Compton, ISAT; Burke, VA
 Rachele A. Contreras, Psychology; Roanoke, VA
 KerriAnne Corbett, Psychology; Floral Park, NY
 Caitlin V. Corcoran, Psychology; Alexandria, VA
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 Jason R. Cozzens, CIS; Hampton, VA
 Sarah J. Crossman, CSD, Madison, VA
 Lauren M. Culin, Psychology; Fairfax, VA
 Erin E. Cundiff, Psychology; Springfield, VA
 Sarah A. Cunningham, Nursing; Appomattox, VA



Erin T. Davidson, Health Sci.; Morris Plains, NJ
 Christine E. Davis, Nursing; Locust Grove, VA
 Joshua R. Davis, CIS; Suffolk, VA
 Kelly E. Davis, CSD; Chester, VA
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Cate F. Duncan, Psychology; Reston, VA
 Erika L. Eaton, ISAT; Parkton, MD
 Timothy J. Eberts, Comp. Sci.; Sellersville, PA
 Ricardo H. Echalar, Health Sci.; Arlington, VA
 Eliana S. Elliott, Health Sci.; Millers Tavern, VA
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Camera Equipped Chris

Senior Chris Labzda captures the world in his camera

Some said one photograph could tell more of a story than an entire novel. It could share a feeling that mere words could not elaborate. It could inspire emotion that no amount of words ever could. It could be the cathartic connection that some spent a lifetime searching for. Senior Chris Labzda knew of a photograph's power and intended to share the stories of his world with others through his photography.

Labzda, who had been taking pictures since he was twelve, never left his home without his camera strapped to his side. "You curse yourself when you don't have your camera and you see something," he said.

As Labzda ventured through his days, he was keenly aware of the environment around him—always with one hand on his camera—ready to grab it at a moments notice in order to snap a picture of "little quirky things" that came across his path.

To Labzda, taking a photograph was a product of pure kismet; it had more to do with the elements around him than it did with himself. "The world dictates what you take a picture of," Labzda said. "I come in when the time and light is right." Labzda observed all things around him, from landscapes to social commentary and had even traveled to far-off places to take photos.

Labzda spent three months in London his junior year, taking photos of the city and surrounding areas. He also photographed Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Costa Rica and many parts of the United States. While he did not have a favorite genre to photograph, Labzda admitted to taking delight in photographing fellow surfers as they dared the waves.

After graduation, Labzda planned to study photography and spend time traveling around the world taking photos. He was working towards obtaining a grant to travel and take photographs on a tramp steamer in the South Pacific.

In addition, Labzda had been offered a position working with the British Intelligence Agency in Israel, where he would take photographs alongside existing British Intelligence Personnel.

During his senior year, Labzda spent much time applying to art schools and writing grant proposals so that he could travel the world taking pictures when he graduated. "I would really like to go to Asia soon too."

He was esteemed in the photography department by his peers and his professors as a student who was "very concerned with process," said photography professor Corinne Diop. "His careful use of the camera and darkroom transforms everyday places and events into images with a surreal quality. Labzda's work is not formulaic, but rather, shows a responsiveness to what he observes."

Carrie Belt



One of senior Chris Labzda's photographs, this is an example of his many respective styles. Labzda had a motto that to leave home without his camera would be to curse himself.

[Photo Courtesy of Chris Labzda]



Melissa A. Enderly, Psychology; Virginia Beach, VA
 Sarah B. Esperanza, Nursing; Newport News, VA
 Ann E. Espinoza, Dietetics; Scotch Plains, NJ
 Matthew D. Eubank, Health Sci.; Newark, DE
 Brian J. Fanale, Kinesiology; Glastonbury, CT
 Meaghan Fenton, CSD; Fairfax, VA

Promoting Our Leadership

Dr. Mark Warner emphasizes determination in all students

"I have a passion for teaching," Dr. Mark Warner, senior vice president of student affairs and a professor in health science said. Warner taught a course called "Leadership in Health" that was specifically directed at seniors who would need certain skills to survive in the workforce. He expressed his love for seeing students learn and grow in and outside the classroom. Warner said, "I want to teach these students leadership skills in the work world through the use of practical skills such as learning how to communicate, using their integrity, learning how to work with a team and how to execute decision-making skills. These are life long lessons that I try to instill in my students."

When students were about to leave college to enter the workforce, they found themselves turning to Warner's class to guide them. Senior Carrie Tagye said, "Dr. Warner takes his own thoughts, experiences and other teachings that he has had and molds them into one. The lessons he teaches are really interesting. Leadership is definitely not born in someone, it is learned and Dr. Warner brings out the leadership potential that we each have and it makes us see it in ourselves, so that we become better leaders."

"People discover their own unique leadership abilities," said Warner. After extensive research on what followers expected from leaders, Warner added the four characteristics of a great leader to his persona as a teacher and a role model. These characteristics were: "integrity, confidence, forward outlook on life and inspiration." Each day in class, Warner fulfilled all of these characteristics and more.

Warner began his leadership role by first serving the University as a Resident Advisor during his term at the University. During that time he went to workshops, conferences, and read books on leadership and learning skills to enhance his abilities. He was also a writer for "Executive Excellence," which was a journal that focused on self-esteem and life transition skills. Those skills guided him to write his book, "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Enhancing Self-Esteem," which was published in 1999 and sold various copies.

Warner instilled leadership traits by being honest with his students about how he was not perfect, but did his best at obtaining perfection. Tagye said that Warner was the ideal teacher, "As a leader I think he is the exploratory

leader. He does everything that I have learned in his class. He goes above and beyond the call of duty," she said.

Over the years, Warner received awards that validated his love for teaching. Some of which included the Teacher of the Year Award and the Martin Luther King Community Service Award. He said, "I am glad that I can be a positive influence on others. It let me know that students enjoy me as much as I enjoy them."

Angela Morgan



Standing in front of the cupola, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Mark Warner poses for a photograph. Warner was a University graduate and went on to teach Leadership in Health, which became one of the most popular classes at the University.
[Photo courtesy of Mark Warner]

Daniel J. Finn, ISAT; Charlottesville, VA
Stuart M. Fischer, Comp. Sci.; Warrenton, VA
Erin M. Fleenor, CSD; Bristol, VA
Kristin B. Fortner, Health Sci.; Doylestown, PA
Jill E. Fowler, Dietetics; Mechanicsville, VA
Nelson D. Fox, ISAT; Buena Vista, VA





Kimberly D. Franz, Psychology; Sterling, VA
 Amanda K. Gallager, Health Sci., Reading, PA
 Jason L. Gallick, Comp. Sci., Falls Church, VA
 Keith J. Ganci, Psychology; Centereach, NY
 Lyndsay E. Gates, ISAT.; Springfield, VA
 Lindsay E. Gilchrist, Thera. Rec.; Weedsport, NY



Adrienne G. Gonzalo, ISAT; Yorktown, VA
 Elizabeth B. Goodman, ISAT; New Kent, VA
 Scott T. Gotherman, ISAT; Woodbridge, VA
 Joshua R. Greenberg, CIS; Woodbridge, VA
 Jennifer R. Gritmon, ISAT; Schenectady, NY
 Rachel W. Hager, GIS; Round Hill, VA



Gwendolyn M. Hall, ISAT; Woodbridge, VA
 Lori E. Hanline, CSD; Oak Ridge, TN
 Jessica L. Happick, Health Sci.; Bel Air, MD
 Scott D. Hardingham, CIS; Princeton, NJ
 Larissa M. Harkonen, Psychology; Charlotte, NC
 Erik L. Harper, GIS; Sterling, VA



Shawn B. Harris, Sport Mgt, Woodbridge, VA
 Tiffany N. Hash, CIS; Roanoke, VA
 Lindsey E. Hawkins, CIS; Sterling, VA
 Kay M. Hensley, Health Sci.; Harrisonburg, VA
 Zorina R. Hess, Nursing; Woodbridge, VA
 Kirk R. Hetherington, GIS; Poway, CA



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 Daniel P. Hodos, Comp. Sci.; Montvale, NJ
 Robert B. Honec IV, ISAT; Manassas, VA
 Lisa M. Hormann, CIS; Springfield, VA
 Sara V. Houser, CSD; Pittsburgh, PA
 Timothy M. Howley, Kinesiology; E. Northport, NY



Yon-Wei Huang, CIS; Taipei Taiwan
 Marcus C. Hubbard, Psychology; Brodnax, VA
 Richard A. Huber, CIS; Falls Church, VA
 Erin J. Huddy, Dietetics; Charlottesville, VA
 Ryan J. Hudson, Kinesiology; Yorktown, NY
 William C. Hunt, Comp. Sci.; Somerset, NJ



Erin P. Hunter, Health Sci.; Lake Ridge, VA
 Susan M. Hurst, Psychology; Springfield, VA
 Megan E. Hyland, Psychology; Oakton, VA
 Mary C. Iampietro, Psychology; Nazareth, PA
 Michelle A. Imperio, CIS; Springfield, VA
 Megan C. Inouye, ISAT; Columbia, MD

Amanda L. Jacob, ISAT; Woodbridge, VA
 Justin D. Jakucyk, CIS; Highland Park, IL
 Meredith L. James, Health Sci.; Gloucester, VA
 Stephanie Jenkins, Nursing; Winchester, VA
 Shelley M. Johnson, ISAT; Hurt, VA
 Brandon T. Jones, CIS; Stephens City, VA



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 Abby A. Karpinski, Health Sci. N. Stonington, CT
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 Sherry L. Kausch, Psychology; Yorktown, VA
 Kelley L. Keegan, Health Sci.; Brick, NJ



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 Syed S. Kirmani, CIS; Sahiwal, Pakistan
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 Joseph Krouse, Biotech.; Mechanicsville, VA
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 Catherine S. LaGarde, Psychology; Springfield, VA
 Latrisha J. Lamanna, CSD; Syracuse, NY
 Ethan T. Langston, Psychology; Grafton, VA



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 Nicolette M. LeBlanc, Psychology; Chester, VA
 Jessica R. Leggett, ISAT; Hagerstown, MD
 Christina M. Leone, Psychology; Woodbridge, VA
 Kara F. Lesueur, Health Sci.; Suffolk, VA
 Jessica M. Levy, ISAT; Abingdon, MD



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 Amanda M. Light, ISAT; Lebanon, PA
 Katie N. Loeffler, Psychology; West Grove, PA
 Christine M. Loredo, ISAT; Sterling, VA
 Sarah E. Lothrop, Hth Svc Admin.; Chesapeake, VA
 Thomas J. Lucas, Kinesiology; Yorktown, VA



Derek W. Lundsten, Psychology; Rockaway, NJ
 Brian C. Lynch, Geography; Fairfax, VA
 Debra M. Lyons, Psychology; Massapequa Park, NY
 Shannon L. Mabry, Psychology; Charlottesville, VA
 Alyssa K. Manuel, CSD; Dumfries, VA
 Jessica K. Martello, Health Sci.; Oakton, VA



You're So vain

Vanity plates convey personality and pride in University parking lots

Students eyed them as they sped around campus and the streets of Harrisonburg and often asked themselves, "What exactly does that license plate mean?" Vanity license plates: the hottest addition to any motor vehicle.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles printed thousands of specialized license plates, dubbed "vanity plates," each year for an additional fee of only \$10. Many students took advantage of the unique opportunity to share their personalized one-to-seven letter encrypted messages with all on the roads.

Senior Health Service Administration major Ashley Sumner stamped her plates with "JMUDANZ" in honor of her dedication to dancing. The 21-year-old had been dancing since she was three years old, beginning with tap and ballet, and later incorporating jazz and hip-hop into her repertoire.

While at the University, Sumner had taken tap classes and was very active in the Madison Dance Club. "Tap still remains my favorite," said Sumner. However, she said, she had unfortunately faced scheduling conflicts when trying to schedule other types of dance classes. "I am [not a dance major] so dance classes don't really fit too well into my schedule" she said.

Despite the simplicity of her license plate, Sumner said that people are often confused as to what 'JMUDANZ' means. "People often ask me about who 'Dan' is," she said. "For whatever reason, 'DANZ' doesn't look like 'dance' to some people."

Sumner, who had used vanity plates in the past to express her interests, said she would, "probably keep the plates for a little while and then retire

them along with the previous vanity plates I've had" after graduation. "Maybe I'll come up with something else catchy about whatever goes on in my life after college."

Junior Music Industry minor Kimberly Witt also used her license plates to reflect her involvement in on-campus activities. Her plates, "PBRSAI" represented two music organizations that Witt joined her first year. "PBR is a drum line 'fraternity' on campus," Witt said. "The letters are kind of made up...PBR is Phi Buda Ruda." SAI, or Sigma Alpha Iota, was a women's music and service organization.

"I've had a few people ask me what [my plates] mean," Witt said. "One of my neighbors at home did ask me why I had 'Pabst Blue Ribbon' on my plates. I hadn't really thought about my plates too much."

Whatever their message, hundreds of students followed the trend to express it in seven letters or less on their license plates—for all to observe.

Carrie Belt



Showing off a favorite eatery and a University sport, a Volvo license plate states a rendition of the dining hall D-Hall while a Volkswagen states pride in University hockey. These plates served as one of many recognizable slogans from the University.

[Photo by Emily Dursa]

Stretching by her car, senior Ashley Sumner shows off her vanity plate. Vanity plates, for \$10 a year, allowed car owners to display hobbies, names, and inside jokes.

[Photo by Emily Dursa]



Corretta L. Martin, CIS; Bassett, VA
Daniel J. Martonik, Sports Mgt; Annandale, VA
Katherine L. Martz, Health Sci.; Stafford, VA
Monica A. Massey, Psychology; Prince George, VA
Agatha G. McCain, Kinesiology; Keeling, VA
Cory M. McCann, Psychology; Lynchburg, VA

Presiding Over DEX

Senior Kerri Mangin serves as the president of the University chapter of DEX

It was widely known that University students stood out as leaders among their college-aged peers. Dukes were involved, conscientious and willing to take risks on an everyday basis. One Duke in particular stood out among her peers. Senior Marketing Information Systems major Kerri Mangin was that student that others regularly looked to for leadership and creativity. As president of Delta Epsilon Chi and a volunteer in the Women's Resource Center, Mangin fearlessly guided others on a campus full of students who were already excitedly involved.

Mangin, a Long Island native, had always been an active member in her school and community. Her activities and interests ranged from dedication to community service projects to expanding her leadership skills through acting in programs and on various teams. Community service, she said, "is a way of providing other people with opportunities" similar to the ones she had growing up. Her early involvement with the community was what sparked Mangin's interest in becoming a leader.

Mangin had been involved with DEX since her freshman year, when she was elected to the position of New Member Liaison. As an active member, she worked her way "through the ranks" and became vice president of administration the following year. Her leadership skills became quickly evident, and by her junior year she was not only elected to the president's seat, but was also elected as the vice president of the Virginia chapter of DEX.

As Vice President, Mangin helped to organize and execute a statewide conference of the fraternity. This was the second year in a row that the University chapter hosted the conference. The Chapter Board was most

impressed with Mangin's willingness to take on the added responsibility of hosting such a large-scale event for two years in a row.

Junior Brian Gist, vice president of DEX membership, said Mangin was always "up to the challenge. She has to make sure that not only her chapter is coordinated, but also all of the other chapters from the other schools" during the conference.

Although Mangin had a huge responsibility, she handled her stress well and was a role model for how other students should approach leadership situations. "She takes time for herself and can look at the big picture," Gist added. "She can see how everything falls into place and sees that she needs to plan and prepare, but also needs time for herself."

As a sophomore, Mangin became a Resident Advisor to 46 freshman girls. In addition to advising them on diverse issues such as their personal development and study skills, Mangin also encouraged them to engage in community service. She arranged for the residents to participate in the UNICEF program, which helped to provide children all over the world with school supplies, and invited underprivileged children to go on a holiday shopping spree with money the residents had helped raise for them.

Mangin made an active effort to become involved in all areas of the community because she strove to be "well-rounded when it [came] to community service."

Carrie Belt

Joking around during Student Organization Night, Ryan Hodges, Erin Dolan, Kris Locasio, and Jim Lunsford promote their club while at the Delta Epsilon Chi table. Magin was president of not only the University chapter of DEX, but vice president of the VA chapter. [Photo courtesy of Kerri Mangin]



Erin R. McMath, CSD; Onley, VA

Patrick R. McNamara, Health Sci.; Cranston, RI

Sinisa Medic, ISAT; Harrisonburg, VA

Kevin J. Meehan, ISAT; Mount Sinai, NY

Jamie L. Mickelson, Psychology; Lawrenceville, GA

Elizabeth A. Mold, Psychology; Mahwah, NJ





Aron D. Moody, Psychology; Mechanicsville, VA
 Kathryn A. Mooney, Health Sci; Ashton, MD
 Amanda Montz, Geo. Sciences; Silver Spring, MD
 Carrie A. Moser, Kinesiology; Lewisburg, PA
 Vicente Mundarain, ISAT; Venezuela
 Kim D. Nguyen, Psychology; Dunn Loring, VA

Lisa C. Nixon, Health Sci.; Alexandria, VA
 Sarah M. O'Daniel, Psychology; Boones Mill, VA
 Ryan O'Neill, CIS; Trumbull, CT
 Timothy E. Orr, CIS; Reston, VA
 Renee M. Parilak, ISAT; Centreville, VA
 Hyonkyu Park, ISAT; Herndon, VA

Michael M. Perri, Kinesiology; Fairfax, VA
 Sara Perron, Health Sci; Richmond, VA
 Matthew C. Perticone, ISAT; Forest Hill, MD
 Ginger R. Pettengill, Health Sci.; New Kent, VA
 Quan Phan, ISAT; Burke, VA
 Haley E. Phillips, Nursing; Powhatan, VA

Carlton S. Piotrowski, Psychology; Manchester, NH
 Timothy M. Pitkewicz, Psychology; Bohemia, NY
 Errn J. Pitts, Psychology; Oak Hill, VA
 Jason M. Planakis, Kinesiology; Fairfax, VA
 Jessica N. Player, Psychology; Fredericksburg, VA
 Lauren E. Pomeroy, Dietetics; Wantage, NJ

William Pope, Comp. Sci.; Silver Spring, MD
 Jessica J. Porambo, Psychology; Bethlehem, PA
 Amanda L. Poulin, CSD; Troutville, VA
 Jennifer Priscando, Health Sci; Chesapeake, VA
 Lauren N. Prosser, Health Sci.; Midlothian, VA
 Jessica Puentes, Health Sci; Springfield, VA

Sarah E. Putnam, Nursing; Warrenton, VA
 Amanda J. Ramsey, Kinesiology; Columbia, MD
 Deanna Rella, Psychology; Westwood, NJ
 Carrie L. Reynolds, Psychology; Manassas, VA
 Amanda E. Rice, Psychology; Spotsylvania, VA
 Allison E. Richardson, Nursing; Wilmington, NC

Julie L. Riek, Health Sci.; Woodbridge, VA
 Michael R. Riley, CIS; Roselle Park, NJ
 Dorian L. Roberts, Health Sci.; Clinton, MD
 Alexis K. Rohmer, CSD; Ashburn, VA
 Elizabeth P. Rorrer, Kinesiology; South Boston, VA
 Robert B. Ross, Psychology; Poolesville, MD

Andrew P. Rozier-Smolon, Psychology; Elmhurst, IL
 Nathan D. Rozsa, Psychology; Fairfax, VA
 Kristina D. Ryden, ISAT; Toms River, NJ
 Hanieh Saberina, CIS; Great Falls, VA
 Megan R. Salsar, ISAT; Reston, VA
 Michelle San Pedro, Health Sci; Alexandria, VA



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 Naomi G. Sandler, Kinesiology; Columbia, MD
 Niketa V. Savage, CIS; Virginia Beach, VA
 Bonnie J. Saxon, Health Sci; Huntington, NY
 Lauren A. Schmidt, ISAT; Medfield, MA
 Abigail E. Schubert, Dietetics, N. Conway, NH



Hans R. Schultz, Psychology; Springfield, VA
 Adam J. Schuster, Comp. Sci; Woodcliff Lake, NJ
 Evan L. Schwartz, ISAT; Severna Park, MD
 Leslie Sensabaugh, Nursing; Churchville, VA
 Kristin Sheehan, Psychology; Chatham, NJ
 Kailey Sheppard, Psychology; Winchester, VA



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 Lindsay B. Shovlin, ISAT; Narragansett, RI
 Kristen M. Signorile, Psychology; Smithtown, NY
 Brian A. Simmons, Psychology; Harrisonburg, VA
 Sarah E. Smith, ISAT; Williamsburg, VA
 Lisa D. Sorrells, Health Sci; Buena Vista, VA



Amy M. Stalnaker, Nursing; Jefferson, MD
 Lindsey Stehling, ISAT; Downingtown, PA
 Rachel M. Steinberg, Psychology; Burke, VA
 Kelly M. Stemp, Kinesiology; Cohoes, NY
 Nathan Striegler, Psychology; Fredericksburg, VA
 Jennifer Summers, Nursing; Downingtown, PA



Darcy S. Swain, ISAT; Medfield, MA
 Stan L. Syckes, CIS; Woodbridge, VA
 Jacqueline Taetzsch; Health Sci.; Staunton, VA
 A.J. Talboo, ISAT; Smithtown, NY
 Lisa K. Thomas, CIS; Collegeville, PA
 Matthew J. Thomas, ISAT; Virginia Beach, VA



Bebhinn M. Timmins, Psychology; Dublin, Ireland
 Olivia M. Ting, Comp. Sci.; Vienna, VA
 Moses Tinsley, CIS; Richmond, VA
 Cory M. Tirpack, Kinesiology; Manasquan, NJ
 Lauren A. Travers, Nursing; Virginia Beach, VA
 Lindsey S. Treadwell, CSD; Richmond, VA



Greetings / Mr. & Ms. Madison

Seniors Jared Schwartz and Katie Coleman win the titles of Mr. & Ms. Madison

The title of Mr. and Ms. Madison was one of the highest recognitions a University student could receive. Seniors Jared Schwartz and Katie Coleman were the 2003 recipients of the prestigious award.

There was a certain process that the nominees had to go through to pursue the prize. First, every organization nominated one person involved and then that person had to send in an application. After the applications were reviewed, certain people were chosen to do a round of interviews, following the interviews the finalists attended the Homecoming football game where the winners were announced.

Schwartz said that he never would have guessed his quiet, shy freshman self would have turned into the person he became. However, his unique personality enabled him to shine above the rest because of his lighthearted and upbeat attitude.

He said, "In order to be successful, I believe that students should get involved and join organizations." Since his sophomore year, he was a part of Freshman Orientation, starting as a Freshman Orientation Guide, then making his way up to the position of Orientation Program Assistant and later serving as a Student Orientation Coordinator. He was an active member of the Student Duke Club, and part of the Honors Program including Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity.

"I believe that Jared reflects what I think Madison is ideally. He is smart genuine sincere, focused, dedicated to helping others and he has a positive attitude," said Karen Evans, one of Schwartz's professors.

Coleman, recipient of Ms. Madison, lived by her own motto which was to, "learn to take a good quality from each person that you meet and learn to make it a part of your character."

Coleman said that she never expected to receive an honor like the one of Ms. Madison. "I still cannot calibrate myself into being called Ms. Madison. I consider the past women to be prestigious women because of the many organizations they are involved in and their overall character," she said.

Coleman kept busy with University organizations. She was a member of the sorority Zeta Tau Alpha where she had held several positions: president, historian, music chair and one of the philanthropists for Breast

Cancer Awareness. Besides being involved in her sorority, she was a member of Note-Oriety, the female a cappella group. She was also a Freshman Orientation Guide and was on the co-committee for the Senior Class Challenge.

One of Coleman's professors, Catherine Campbell said, "Katie has a magnetic personality that just draws people in because she is real, open, loves life and enjoys being around people. When she walks into a room, she just shines."

Whether they felt they were deserving of the titles or not, Schwartz and Coleman won over the hearts of the student body.

Kristin Short
Angela Morgan



Accepting their titles, Mr. and Ms. Madison pose with President Dr. Linwood Rose before the homecoming football game. Seniors Jared Schwartz and Katie Coleman were the recipients. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



- Christopher W. Triolo, ISAT; Sparta, NJ
- Jillian E. Tschohl, CSD; Chesapeake, VA
- Amanda M. VanHorn, ISAT; Lake Ridge, VA
- Jonathan G. Vaughan, Health Sci.; S. Boston, VA
- Laura J. Wagstaff, Nursing; Roanoke, VA
- Tracy L. Walker, CSD; Bowie, MD

Cool And Refreshing

Shenandoah watering holes offer leisure and beauty

During warm-weather months in Harrisonburg, students escaped from the rigors of their studies to seek adventure and leisure at area watering holes. Each year, as new students became acclimated to life in the Shenandoah Valley, they heard tales of daringly tall water towers, bottomless pools of pristine mountain water and jagged cliff diving boards.

Few had found all of these hidden treasures. Fewer still had dared to accept the challenge of engaging in the risky activities that the watering holes beckoned. Yet most had the unspoken goal of making lasting memories at one or more of these small, but legendary, paradises. With the help of patient friends and several full tanks of gas, most students were able to find at least one slippery spot about which they could write in their college memoirs.

The most well known and accessible watery destination was Blue Hole, a small, but deep and crystal clear pool, located on the Dry River just east of West Virginia off of Route 33. The seclusion and natural exquisiteness of the spot was one of the most appealing assets that enticed students to sit along the sandy bank.

Senior Kelly Bellino said that Blue was “absolutely beautiful...like entering a whole new world, far away from the city of Harrisonburg.” As she sat observing the tranquility of the area, Bellino recalled watching a local man and his two children lobby for space at the top of a small cliff, and then take turns diving into the water below.

Indeed, one of the most attractive features of this hole was a 20-foot rock that jettied out of a 10-foot pool of frigid mountain water. While few could stand to stay in the icy drink for long, the promise of a thrilling, weightless plummet compelled the most adventurous to test their own limits. Bellino regretted not jumping from the Blue Hole rock, but vowed to take the leap from another legendary height: the elusive water tower.

The water tower, located off of Route 33, was a risky challenge, enticing thrill-seekers to gamble with the law if they wanted to take the plunge. Bellino said of the tower, “I do not know where it is, however I have friends that do know...and I plan on finding it and jumping down from it before senior year is over.”

That goal, identical to the ambitions of other thrill-seeking students across campus, has gotten some students into more trouble than they intended. Senior Kat Wisener reported that her roommate “got arrested for going to a watering hole” and was charged with a misdemeanor crime.

Nevertheless, the dangers would not deter Wisener from seeking out the celebrated watering holes either. In fact, the bold theater major intended to bare all and skinny-dip before her senior year was over.

Students, such as Wisener, who preferred nature’s original suit to a swimsuit, opted for more isolated locations. RipRap Hollow, located

off of scenic Skyline Drive, was the perfect haven from the swarms of anxious water-lovers that tended to populate the more accessible sites. The crystal clear mountain pool and connecting chain of charming waterfalls were a breathtaking reward at the end of the strenuous seven-mile hike on the Rip Rap Trail loop.

Whether they were regular visitors, indulging in the natural splendor of the Shenandoah Valley, or one-time-only candidates for the “Most Adventurous” category in their friends’ diaries, area watering holes offered a classic tale of youth, enjoyment and adventure. The hidden utopias provided the platform for enduring memories that students would recall for decades and smile.

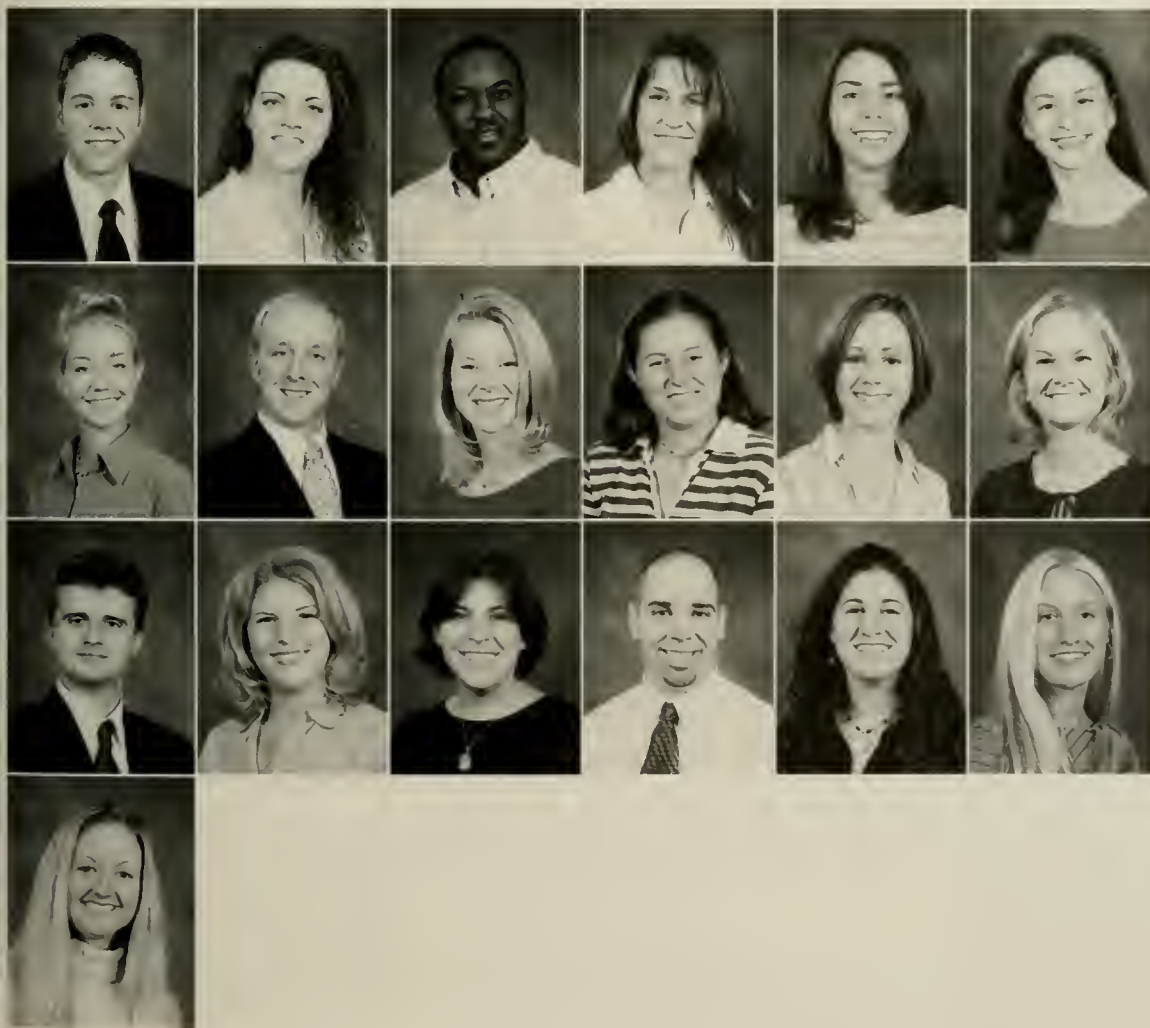
Carrie Belt



Flowing downstream, the water of the Dry River hits the southside of the river bank. The river was one of the many havens in the Shenandoah Valley. [Photo by Sara Woodward]



Glistening in the sun, the water of the Dry River in West Virginia attracts University students to its serenity. Blue Hole, Rip Rap Hollow and others served as escapes in the Shenandoah Valley
[Photo by Sara Woodward]



Noel A. Warfel, ISAT; New Cumberland, PA
 Leslie R. Warren, Nursing; Portsmouth, VA
 Cory J. Weathers, ISAT; Baltimore, MD
 Amy M. Wenderlich, ISAT; Huntington, MD
 Amy L. Wheeler, Kinesiology; Buchanan, VA
 Marci M. Wilder, CSD; Lynchburg, VA

Amanda C. Williams, Geo. Sciences; Alexandria, VA
 Kevin W. Williams, Kinesiology; Yorktown, VA
 Shannon Willison, Psychology; Springfield, VA
 Sarah M. Woodford, ISAT; Ruckersville, VA
 Alyson L. Woolston, ISAT; Oxford, PA
 Lauren M. Worthington, Health Sci.; Baltimore, MD

Kristoffer P. Wright, Comp. Sci.; McLean, VA
 Kathryn B. Young, CSD; S. Boston, VA
 Robin M. Yuspeh, Health Sci.; Annandale, VA
 Gregory S. Zahn, CIS; Clifton, VA
 Alexis R. Zankman, Psychology; Churchville, PA
 Margaret Zesinger, Kinesiology; Harrisonburg, VA

Sarah A. Zook, Psychology; Fairfax, VA

College of Math & Science

With an emphasis on learning through hands-on experience, the College of Math and Science strove to prepare students for the future. “Our main goal is to develop students who have the background training to continue with their education or have the expertise to contribute in the employment sector,” said Dr. Stan Ulanski, department head of Geology. To do this, he believed, it was important to engage the students in the learning process.

The department of Geology, one of the five departments in the college, took learning out of the classroom and into the field. Taking trips to the Blue Ridge Mountains, West Virginia and within the Valley, students were able to study a variety of formations. “Locally, we have one of the best earth laboratories for study,” said Dr. Lynn Fichter, professor of Geology. Fichter said that the area contained, “samples of just about every kind of rock there is and every kind of geological processes.”

By the time Geology students graduated, they had most likely had been on over two dozen field trips. “Geology is about the earth, and the earth cannot be understood in the class room—you have to experience it,” said Fichter. He said that he was known to tell his classes that they had to learn everything twice, once in the classroom and again when they are confronted with actual rocks.

Students such as Katie Stone, a junior Geology major, agreed in the importance of the outdoor experience. “There were times when I thought

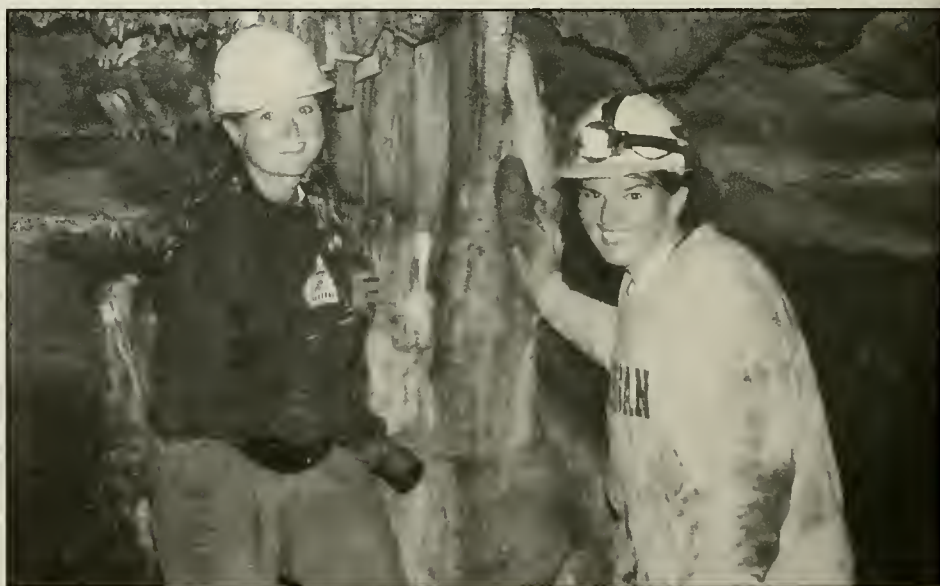
I knew stuff and then we went on a field trip and I realized I didn’t know any of it because I could not see it in the rocks,” she said. “In order to be good at any type of geology you have to be able to work in the field and get hands-on experience.”

For students like Stone, fieldwork was one of the best teachers. “Every time I went on a field trip I learned a lot,” she said. “Even when I went on a trip I had already been on, I learned new information.”

Dr. Cullen Sherwood, professor of Geology, emphasized the need for students to examine actual formations. “Geology can be done in the classroom and the laboratory, but field experience really improves the understanding with the students,” said Sherwood. “We consider ourselves very fortunate to be in such an interesting geological area, which is just wonderful for teaching.”

The earth’s history was hidden in the rocks. As geologists, students were taught how to determine its story by examining formations. Going on the required trips allowed students to do just that. “There is no other way to learn it,” said Fichter. “I would take them into the field before I would lecture in a classroom.”

Traveling to local sites was an enjoyable way for students to learn and understand geology. “I would go back on any of them because I learned so much and had such a great time,” said Stone. **Nicole Maier**



Recording data on their field study, seniors Kristin Felker and Matt Keener survey the landscape. Geology, a part of the College of Math and Science, required all majors to spend a summer conducting field research at a location of their choice. [Photo courtesy of the Geology Department]

Standing alongside a limestone column, seniors Krista Stevens and Sarah Burton explore a cave. [Photo courtesy of the Geology Department]



John A. Agapis, Biology; Midlothian, VA
 Carrie A. Baker, Mathematics; Warsaw, VA
 Amanda S. Bardo, Biology; Mifflinburg, PA
 Erin M. Benford, Biology; Walkersville, MD
 Lacey L. Bigos, Mathematics; Harwinton, CT
 Jacqueline S. Bryan, Biology; Newton, PA



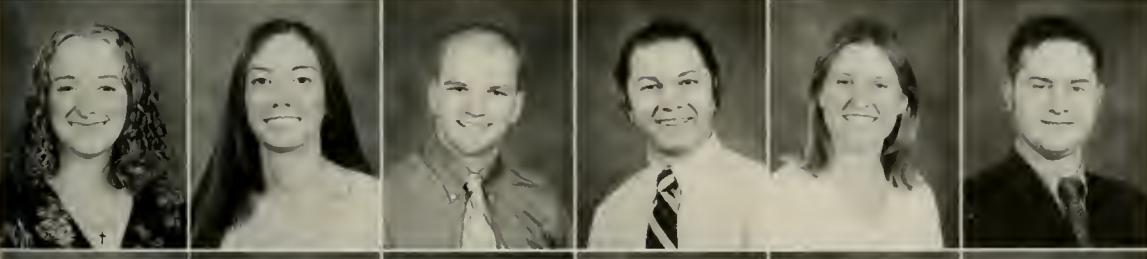
Frank G. Cocina, Geology; Winchester, VA
 Leandra I. Cabbage, Geology; Waynesboro, VA
 Rachelle L. Davis, Biology; Richmond, VA
 Rachel F. Dubin, Biology; Fairfax Station, VA
 Jeffrey A. Evey, Physics; Springfield, VA
 Jamilyn Flyzik, Biology; Chantilly, VA



Rachael C. Green, Mathematics; Harrisonburg, VA
 Emily H. Just, Biology; Manheim, PA
 Katherine L. Knapp, Biology; Louisa, VA
 Jennifer L. Knowles, Biology; Franklin, VA
 Jonathan S. Liles, Statistics; Richmond, VA
 Antoinette M. Macchia, Chemistry; Staten Island, NY



Charles E. Martin, Physics; Burke, VA
 Katherine D. May, Biology; Stafford, VA
 Michael D. McCulloch, Biology; Clinton, NJ
 Michele L. Mooney, Biology; Langhorne, PA
 Anna R. Moore, Biology; Wytheville, VA
 Amy E. Opitz, Biology; Sterling, VA



Melissa L. Orndorff, Geology; Woodstock, VA
 Jaime L. Robenolt, Biology; Harrisburg, PA
 Raymond B. Russell, Biology; Virginia Beach, VA
 Maged A. Shaker, Mathematics; Cairo, Egypt
 Megan E. Shkor, Biology; Baltimore, MD
 James M. Sides, Biology; Newport News, VA



Melissa J. Snoddy, Biology; Bridgewater, VA
 Krista C. Stevens, Geology; Bedford, VA
 Ian C. Sullivan, Geology; Winchester, VA
 Laura C. Sullivan, Biology; Beverly, MA
 Chelsea R. Thompson, Biology; Latrobe, PA
 Jamie V. VanDevander, Biology; Baltimore, MD



Deveda C. Watkins, Biology; Hampton, VA
 Angela M. Whetzel, Biology; Culpeper, VA





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The Changing Universe

The red planet approaches

Inspecting the sky senior C.J. Cross gets a close look at the fourth planet from the sun. The telescopes on the quad were available for anyone interested to look through. [Photo by Emily Dursa]

There was a new addition to our night sky that beckoned students away from their midnight studies and planted them on the lawn for a while to stare at the stars. A wandering red dot over the southeastern horizon had appeared and students were anxious to discover its origin.

The red dot was actually the planet Mars, which was closer to the earth than it had been in 60,000 years. This was the last time in any living person's lifetime that he or she would be able to get such a great view of our neighboring planet. The next time Mars and Earth would become so closely aligned would not be until the year 2287.

During the month of August, Mars was five times closer to the Earth than normal. On average, the red planet rested 50 million miles past the sun. The reason it was so close was because Mars and Earth were rotating synchronously; that was to say, they were like the hour and minute hand on a clock at any hour.

To help students learn more about Mars, Professor William Alexander arranged to have two telescopes set up on The Quad for interested viewers on the nights when Mars and Earth would be most closely aligned. Though the sky was slightly overcast, hundreds of students turned out to get an "up close" view of the planet.

Junior Emily Dursa said about the event, "It was really fascinating to know



Greg Allen
Ryan Allen
Emily Antanitus
Tara Armentrout
Sarah Atkins
Chris Babb
Miranda Baines
Jodi Balun



Elizabeth Barron
Kristen Battles
Jennifer Bau
Cary Bell
Erica Bennetch
Luis Betanzo
Sara Billari
Rhonna Bollig





Taking a view at Mars, senior Carrie Belt joins her GSCI 104 class in viewing the phenomenon. Mars reached the closest distance to the Earth in the last 60,000 years. [Photo by Emily Dursa]

that the sky is changing around us. Astronomy has always been interesting. It didn't just rock my world, it rocked my universe to see this phenomenon."

Junior Mike Roeder also saw Mars. He said, "I got a chance to see the red planet. It was awesome to be exposed to such a natural, uncontrollable event."

Furthermore, NASA researchers became more curious about Mars after seeing in the telescopes more of the surface than they had before. New expeditions to the planet are on the forefront of discussion, as all researchers agree that researching more into life on Mars could help us to learn more about life on Earth.

The phenomenon was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for people to see another planet at its closest distance to Earth. It inspired conversations all over campus, in and out of classrooms, about the alignment of planets, the origin of Earth and the existence of stars.

Whatever the conclusion, it was evident that the alignment of Earth and Mars not only sparked the imagination, but also encouraged us to open textbooks to learn about other worlds.

Carrie Belt



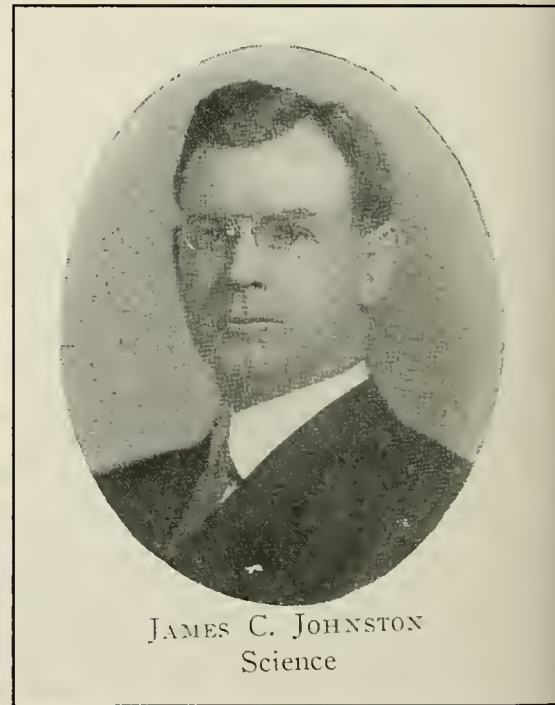
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Jennifer Casey
Theresa Catron
Chelsea Caulfield
Katie Challinor
Ju-Han Chang
Lindsey Cheverton



Standing outside of Johnston Hall, junior Alison Johnston can trace her ancestors who attended the University. The building was named after the Johnstons in 1928.
 [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Great grandfather of junior Alison Johnston, James Johnston taught science for 14 years. Named after the family in 1928, Johnston Hall houses the School of Psychology.
 [Photo courtesy of The Bluestone]



- Jennifer Clayton
- Amelia Cohen
- Rob Connelly
- Jennifer Costanzo
- Carly Crockett
- Steven Cullen
- Jennifer Dascher
- Gina de Guzman



- Jennifer Desborough
- Matthew Dodson
- Maureen Doherty
- Lauren Dopieralski
- Janie Drinkard
- Allison Dunn
- Ashley Easome
- Mary Edwards



A Lasting Legacy

The Johnston era continues at The University

Johnston Hall appeared to be an ordinary building with its smooth, gray stone exterior and windows that reflected the morning light. Students, faculty and visitors passed by the building everyday, without considering that the building was not just another educational facility, but a monument to an honored family tradition. The Johnston family gave the University four generations of teachers and students. Few knew the family's roots had nurtured the University for close to a century.

Beginning in September 1909, James Madison University opened its doors as the State Normal School. Mrs. Althea Loose Johnston taught German, Latin, and physical education starting in 1909 until 1911 when she married Mr. James C. Johnston and had children. She resumed teaching in 1919 as head of the Physical Education department. Until 1929, Althea Johnston worked summers to get her Masters degree in Health and Physical Education. She continued working at the State Normal School until 1951, coaching many sports teams in addition to teaching classes.

Mr. Johnston taught at Harrisonburg High School beginning in 1898. He became principal of the school in 1909, but continued to teach. In September 1909 he was named a faculty member of State Normal School because students from the Normal School attended Harrisonburg High School for science labs, which he taught. In 1913, Mr. Johnston transferred from Harrisonburg High School to the State Normal School. He was elected as the Secretary of Faculty and served in this position until June 18, 1927 when he died from complications of a broken leg sustained in a faculty-student baseball game.

In September 1928, a new building opened at Madison College and was named in honor of Mr. Johnston. It was first a dormitory and then changed over to house science classes. In 1977 his wife, Mrs. Johnston was recognized by the governor of Virginia as the sole surviving original faculty member at a ceremony that changed the name of the University from Madison College to James Madison University. In 1981, Johnston Hall was renamed to include both of the Johnston's. Johnston Hall now house's faculty offices of the Psychology Department.

The Johnston family history did not end with one generation. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston's daughter, Jacqueline Johnston Rice attended the University when it was called Harrisonburg State Teachers College and graduated in 1932. Her son, James Thomas Rice never attended the University. However, he was an assistant professor of sociology and the first dean of men at Madison College from 1965-1969.

Robert Maitland Johnston was the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, and although he did not attend the University, his daughter Ms. Jean Johnston transferred from a college in Georgia to Madison College in 1975. Ms. Johnston was Miss Alison Montgomery Johnston's cousin. Alison attended the University and planned to graduate in 2005 with a major in Health Science and as the fourth generation of Johnston's to attend the University. Miss Johnston said, "Each time I walk past Johnston Hall, I feel a sense of connectedness to my great-grandparents, who I never met but taught in the very same buildings that I see everyday." The Johnston family tradition lived on.

Angela Norcross



Mark Ehlers
Theresa Ensor
Karen Esser
Suzanne Estes
Courtney Evans
Suzanne Fluty
Steven Foglyano
Thomas Fox

Lauren Gardner
Rachel Gockel
John Golden
Danielle Graaf
John Gullickson
Donald Hallberg
Ashley Hamrick
Karen Hanline

Guarding the MOONMEN

Interning at MTV, one junior gets a taste of fame

Madonna, Britney Spears, and P. Diddy were big names and sought-after celebrities. It was a rare thrill to see one of them scamper from a limo behind closed and closely guarded doors. It was an even more elusive bragging right to score an autograph. What a thrill it was, then, for junior Morgan Ressa to share the same room as these front-liners and many others while she worked as a Production Assistant for MTV.

Ressa, a Long Island, NY native, landed the lucrative job of P.A. through a close friend who thought she would be perfect for the job at the revolutionary television network. Long hours and painstakingly detailed work were two of the most telling lines in the job description and Ressa could not have been happier with that formula for success.

In fact, Ressa craved the project-oriented work so much that she took a week off of school in August in order to return to New York to work on the much-celebrated 2003 Video Music Awards.

Ressa's role as P.A. on the VMA project was a key factor in the smooth running of the colossal annual event. Assuming the typical task of an English and Media Arts and Design major, the fiery music and television enthusiast addressed ballots to hundreds of voters across the nation in addition to writing invitations to nominees and other Hollywood headliners.

On the days leading up to the gala, she worked with a partner to design and place seat markers for each of the 140 star-studded special guests.

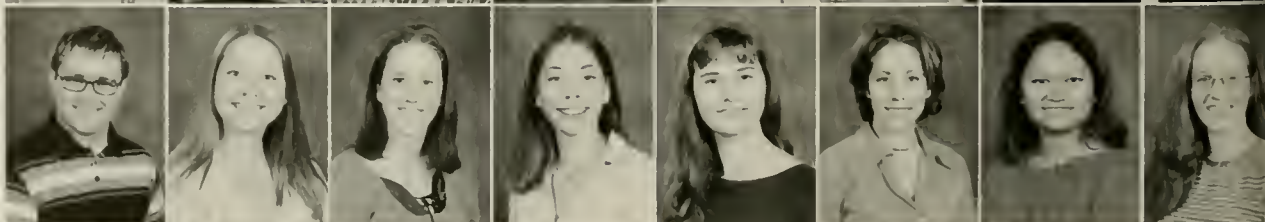


Wearing her shirt from the 2003 MTV Music Awards, junior Morgan Ressa is proud of her internship experience. At the award Ressa was in charge of guarding the "Moon Men" awards.
[Photo by Clare Burchard]

Matthew Hardgrove
Seth Hartley-Werner
Jeffrey Heil
Megan Helsley
Angela Henderson
Leanne Henning
Christian Henson
Meghan Hochkeppel



Sean Hughes
Jenny Isom
Stacey Johnson
Alison Johnston
Erin Jones
Michelle Jones
Thoeun Kao
Margaret Keller



During the tedious task of placing the hundreds of seat markers, Ressa was privileged to simultaneously watch the performers during rehearsal. "We tried to work really slow that day so we could watch them all on stage," she said. "We even got to stay in the auditorium when Coldplay rehearsed and everyone else had to leave. But we had work to do!"

Not all of the work at MTV was glamorous for Ressa. During the actual filming of the VMAs, Ressa was appointed the position of guarding the "moon men," the awards that were presented to the winning artists. "Apparently in the past people have run off with [the awards] so I had to make sure no one ran off with the precious moon men."

The pioneering Ressa was no stranger to hard work and creativity. In fact, in addition to being an MTV employee, she was also the co-founder of JMU's newest organization: an arts and crafts club called Art Scene. She and her roommate founded the club after they recognized that their hobbies were shared by many of their friends, yet there was no outlet for hobbies such as theirs on campus. "Why not do it as a big group?" she and her friends thought one night during an all-night arts and crafts session in their residence hall.

Ressa's creativity and interest in all things hands-on ensured that she would go far not only during her student years, but also in her dream-job of working full-time at MTV after graduation.

Displaying her official backstage passes, junior Morgan Ressa keeps her IDs as mementos for her experience at MTV. Ressa was a summer intern at the MTV studio in Times Square, NY. [Photo by Clare Burchard]



Carrie Belt



Christine Kendrick
 Christy Kidd
 Emily Kirtz
 Emily Kitamura
 Stephanie Kosky
 Lauren LaCroix
 John Landry
 Amanda Lee

 Jason Lee
 Sarah Lee
 Justin Leighty
 Salvatore Leone IV
 Rozine Lindamood
 Timothy Livings
 Sonja Long
 Ellie Loveman



Sitting outside of Keezel Hall, professors Mark and Susan Facknitz catch up with each other between classes. The Facknitzs created a student literary webzine.
[Photo by Emily Dursa]

Posing in front of Keezel Hall, husband and wife Mark and Susan Facknitz both teaching creative writing. Referred to as "surrogate parents," the Facknitzs emphasized creativity.
[Photo by Emily Dursa]



Jaime Marion
Sara Markham
Justin Martin
Erin McGrath
Jeff McKee
Jessica Meyer
Megan Miller
Derek Mullins



Jennifer Neisser
Angela Norcross
Jessica Norman
Blair Phillips
Angela Pinter
Casey Pullen
Isabel Ramos
Patrick Reed



A romantic Teaching Duo

Two professors find love, education and devoted students

The blinds were off, curtains up. Everybody knew; there was a love-affair in the English department. Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Susan Facknitz, both English professors, were up front about their devotion and their students unabashedly declared their adoration for this highly regarded teaching duo.

The Facknitzs', who both started teaching at the University 21 years ago, may have differed on many personal opinions, yet their philosophy for teaching was the same. "A good teacher teaches from the complete self," said Mr. Facknitz. They took a holistic approach with their students—helping them learn the language to, "articulate what they already know." The Facknitzs' deeply-rooted teaching motivation was to first help students understand themselves and then learn how to express what they knew.

Their highly effective method was to teach from their "complete person" said Mr. Facknitz. That is, they approached literature and the classroom from all perspectives, integrating elements of psychology, history, politics and art into their interpretations and teachings of work. Students responded to their methods with overwhelming excitement, and senior English major Sally Seibert said that the Facknitzs' were the most "influential" and "brilliant" teachers some students had ever had.

Seibert spent six weeks over the summer traveling with Mr. Facknitz along the European Western Front as part of a course Mr. Facknitz was teaching on World War I. Students visited pivotal and emotionally moving war sites with Mark and his small team of teachers. "Going to Europe with Mark changed my life," said Seibert. "I feel so lucky to have been there, learning from him at these important places. To have someone that intelligent explaining things to you is so powerful."

Indeed, the Facknitzs' were both instrumental in implementing study-

abroad programs for students. Mrs. Facknitz worked hard to start the popular summer writing program in Ireland. "Ireland has a lot to teach the world about living with terrorism," she said. "It's a fascinating place. They're having to deal with economic prosperity and culture. We go to see huge public debates and feel like you're in the middle."

English majors turned to the duo not only because the professors encouraged them to go beyond conventional thought and study of literature, but also because they were warm and welcoming to all people. "They're like the surrogate mom and dad of all of the English majors," said senior Jeff Convington. "Everyone flocks to them." It was common to see students loitering around their office doors, waiting for office hours to begin so that they could spend time chatting with the professors about their work, their lives and their goals.

Senior Emily Wilson said, "[Mrs. Facknitz] has been like a mentor" to her by helping her discover what she wanted to do in life and guiding her down the right avenues. "I'm really going to miss her when I graduate," she said. Wilson, like scores of English majors through the ages, felt privileged to have been able to be taught by the Facknitzs' and said she will remember them for a lifetime.

"The students are the best thing about this place," Mark and Susan agreed. "They have a creativity and willingness—a willingness to be engaged." However, their students disagree. "No, Mark and Susan. It's professors like you that is the best thing about this place. Professors who give their all and ask for our all."

Carrie Belt



Brandon Robbins
Kimberly Rogers
Lindsay Rosser
Janatry Sanders
Kari Sargent
Amanda Schoemer
Allison Showalter
Ryan Slominski

Maryn Soroka
Carly Stamey
Bethny Stark
Christopher Stathis
April Stewart
Skyler Stoddart
Ashley Stough
Joseph Stroup

Music From Within

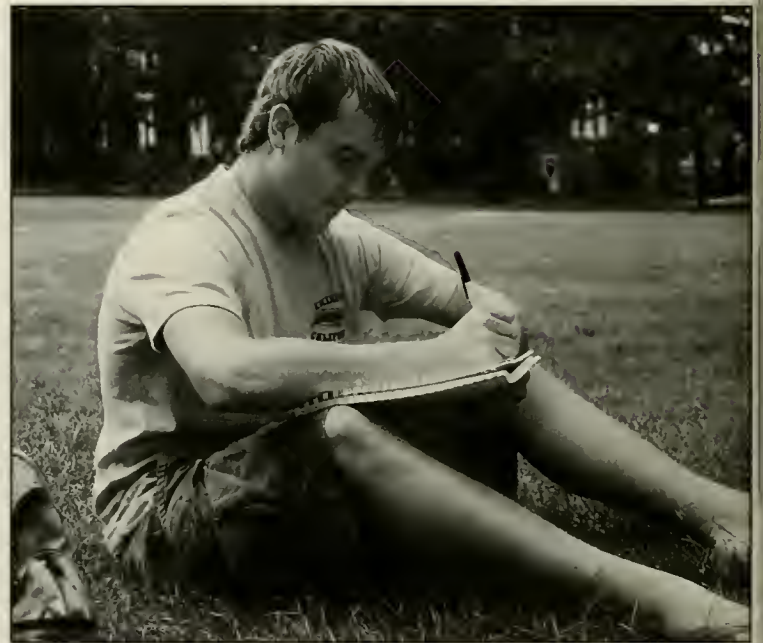
Working for success, one junior strives to make it in the music business

"I have always wanted a hit song on the radio," said Ross Copperman, a junior Music Industry major with a Jazz Studies minor. Copperman had a passion for music since he was a child and after having lined up several interviews in New York, he hoped to get his foot in the door with a music production agency. Two recording studios, Garfish Music and Matlin Recording Studios accepted him as an intern and paved the way to making his dream a reality.

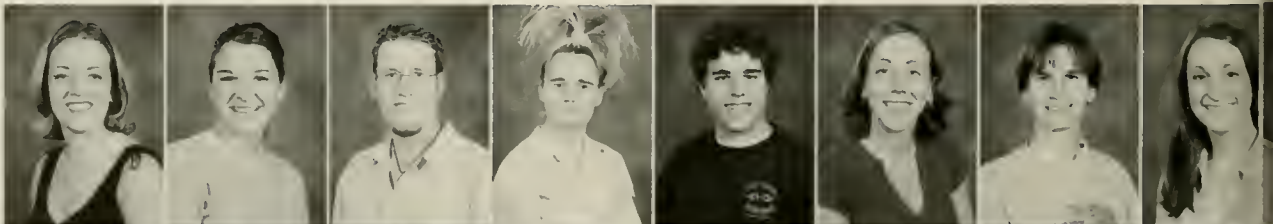
Since the age of three, Copperman's hands were constantly making music on the piano. As a child he learned to play all types of music, from hip-hop, pop and rock to jazz. After having written songs and played the piano for years, he never imagined that he would have a chance to work with major music producers. He worked with Peter Zizzo, one of the main producers of Avril Lavigne and Vanessa Carlton. He also worked with Paul Umbach, who was the producer of pop sensations N*SYNC, Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys. He also produced jazz singer Vanessa Rubin and jazz pianist Jacky Terrason. Umbach gave Copperman advice on how to make it big in the music industry and he said, "The key to it all is keep doing it, keep doing it and keep doing it!"

Every night he was able to hang out in a different songwriter's circle and made connections with the different artists. He even had the opportunity to spend an entire day in the studio with Arid Mardin. Mardin was one of the main producers who helped to win the Grammy for Nora Jones. He had also produced names like the Rolling Stones, Aretha Franklin and the Bee Gees.

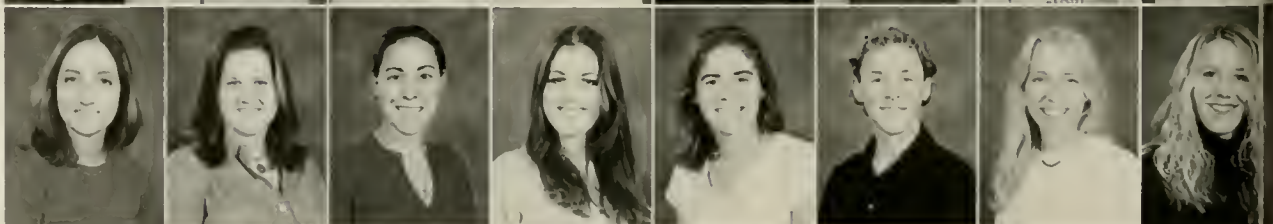
Writing lyrics to a new song, junior Ross Copperman finds inspiration on the Quad. Ross and a few of his friends began their own record label, Satori Records. [Photo by Kate Sawyer]



Ashley Sumner
Chelsea Swenson
Ryan Tibbens
Kai Tollkuhn
Matthew Tremonte
Ashley Verwers
Timothy Wade II
Nadine Wagner-Bartak



Elizabeth Webber
Kara Wells
Diane Wetzel
Carly Wiggs
Mary Wilke
Peter Wills
Sara Woodward
Lizabeth Workman





Performing at the opening of the Student Ambassadors Scholarship Fundraiser, junior Ross Copperman sings his original songs to Wilson Hall. His numbers ranged from love songs to a humorous response to the negative review of him by *The Breeze*.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Copperman said he was also used for secretarial purposes like answering the phones and getting coffee. At the same time, he had many opportunities to get connections and get his name in the hands of the head executives in the industry. Copperman said, "I had a chance to write for a Fisher Price commercial selling friendship ponies, I wrote a cell phone ring, worked at a production house doing sound editing for movies and dealt with clients within the business."

Positive feedback was given to him regarding the songs he had written. One of his bosses noticed his talent while working and asked him if he could work with the production in the company. Producer Harold Stephan noticed Copperman's talent for writing music lyrics. Stephan said, "Hey Ross, I just checked out your song 'Ordinary.' Nice Job! Keep developing yourself and I think there will be hits in your future."

Copperman said that his dream was to produce and write songs in a major city like New York or Los Angeles. When remembering the process of writing a song, he said, "I usually think of the melody first in my head. Then I put the chords on top of the melody in order to write the song."

He envisioned that one day he would own his own record label entitled "Satori," which means "Enlightenment."

According to Copperman, some things in life were priceless and he considered his chance at that internship as one of them. Even though the internship was unpaid, he gained an invaluable experience that he could not put a price on. During his stay in Chelsea, NY from the middle of May until the beginning of July, he allowed himself to be exposed to the culture around him. In the evening, his unpaid internship forced him to work at a restaurant lounge and do others jobs such as babysitting his boss' children and moving furniture.

Copperman said, "The hands on experience allowed me to see myself building a future career as a song writer." He continued to stay in contact with the producers he met, and hoped that would lead to greater things. Because of the opportunity that he had, in the future he may hear one of his songs on the radio.

Angela Morgan



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Practicing in the music building, music professor David Cottrell absorbs the music he is playing. Cottrell received an Emmy award for the music he wrote for the Discovery Channel.
[Photo by Kate Sawyer]

Tyler Adams
 Erin Altieri
 Jennifer Ash
 Stephanie Ashley
 Jaclyn Badalucco
 Amy Beddoo
 Morgan Bond
 Heather Branscome



Mary Breault
 Amanda Bremner
 Charity Brogan
 Jennifer Brown
 Jessica Buell
 Sarah Buell
 Brian Clark
 Eboni Cleaves



Extra! Extra! Emmy!

Professor finds himself speechless after winning an emmy.

Like canned laughter, television and movie soundtracks were often an integral part of the viewing experience that few audience members seemed to notice...until Associate Music Professor David Cottrell made headlines and drew attention to the artistry of soundtracks.

Cottrell, who came to the University in 1996 after 14 years of teaching at Shenandoah University, won an Emmy for his musical score for the National Geographic documentary, "Stalking Leopards." Winning the Emmy, Cottrell said, "was a complete shock." Cottrell and his business partner, Chris Mangum, owners of Cottrell-Mangum Music, had no idea that they would be accepting an Emmy when they went to New York on September 3rd. "We thought we were going there to lose an Emmy," Cottrell said. "We thought we would just go up and party. We calculated we had no chance of winning."

When the duo arrived at the awards ceremony, they were seated at the National Geographic table they were served \$450 fillet mignon dishes. They were told, "if 'Stalking Leopards' wins, you guys don't talk. Let Nelson Funk talk." Funk, who had done the sound for "Stalking Leopards" was nominated for three other categories as well. Cottrell sat back in his chair comfortably thinking two things: "A. We're not gonna win. B. If we do win, I don't have to talk."

It was ironic then, that the esteemed professor did have to talk. That year, the judges decided to give two awards for the music and sound category. Funk won the first award for another film and left the group to accept his Emmy.

The second award went to none other than "Stalking Leopards." Cottrell was stunned. When he and Mangum walked onto stage, Cottrell recalled looking for Funk, their designated speaker. Finally, NBC personality Jane Pauley nudged the men toward the microphone and urged them to speak, saying, "Gentlemen, this is your Emmy." Mangum spoke first, saying his thanks and recognition. He turned to Cottrell. Cottrell leaned into the microphone and said, "Ditto." They were then whisked off stage in front of the lenses of the famous backstage photographers. Cottrell was still in a state of disbelief.

Following the ceremony, Cottrell and Mangum went to the National Geographic party and then let themselves loose in the streets of New York. Cottrell fondly recalled standing on a corner in Times Square with his Emmy in his hands and looking around at everything around him. "People asked for pictures and autographs," Cottrell said. "I got no sleep that night."

Cottrell took the award to class with him upon his return to show to his students. The lifetime achievement was still sinking in for him, but his students understood what it meant. "He really knows what he's talking about," said senior Music Industry minor Beau Richards. "I highly respect him. He motivated me in class and has supported me in my goals."

Carrie Belt



Julie Coleman
Denise Conley
Michelle Crouse
Matthew Cubbage
Patrick Curtin
Helen Curtis
Jacqueline DaSilva
Peter Day

Brittany DeLorme
Kari Deputy
Kristen Donnelly
Gretchen Durant
Jennifer Edwards
Lisa Enders
Morghan Ferguson
Wendy Friedman

Working the weekly puzzle

The Breeze offered an exciting pastime that distracted and challenged minds

Students had a secret passion, an obsession, a ubiquitous goal tucked into their pockets and carried with them from class to class—stealthily sneaking it out to hide between the pages of notebooks during lectures. Students secretly and furtively carried on an unrelenting love affair with none other than crossword puzzles.

Mondays and Thursdays were important days for students. Pulses would beat rapidly, palms sweat with the promise of a new crossword in the twice-weekly newspaper *The Breeze*. Students would rush to their favorite news racks, fists would fly, pencils would crack, hair was pulled, and the newspaper issues were ripped from the eager hands of fellow students—students who had not yet learned the art of the “duck-and-roll.”

It was that one section, that celebrated back page, that the feisty young brains were clamoring to read. That little black and grey box held the promise of a day’s distraction and entertainment in and between classes. “In my night class, kids are always scribbling out words, racking their brains over the crosswords,” said senior Justin Lenart. “They’re not paying an ounce of attention to the professor.”

Indeed, avoiding the wrath of the displeased professor was a skill students had to learn if they were to successfully work on their crossword puzzles during class. Perfecting the art of the hidden crossword came with time—for most, it took four complete years of classes. Completion was not just about “wit, determination and a decent amount of intelligence,” Lenart said. No. It was about stealth.

As freshmen, students first learned of the sacred text’s location—back page of the News section. This acclimation to the new collegiate society took months. At first, they may have thrown a glance its way, but tossed

it aside as a “geeky thing” for brainiacs to enjoy. “I try not to judge,” said sophomore Alan Trombley. Yet, in not too long, the once reluctant freshmen began to indulge their crossword puzzle urges and cast aside the supposed judgment of their crossword-less peers.

As a sophomore, students learned the art of the fold. They discovered that they could fold the paper in a way that just the crossword puzzle box showed, minimizing superfluous newspaper space. Who needed the rest of the paper anyway when the crossword was just so good?

As juniors, ah yes, as masterful juniors, they learned the secrets of the hideaway. They discovered through two years of trial and error, of getting caught doing the puzzles by their esteemed, whip-cracking professors, that by placing the folded paper between the pages of a textbook, then tilting the book ever-so-slightly between the desk and the lap, they could easily create the illusion for the professor that they were reading the text and taking careful notes. But oh, not so.

Finally, by senior year, sweet senior year, students had learned not only to share answers with friends, but more importantly, that there was strength in numbers and groups, and motivation in competition. Lenart said of two of his on-campus co-workers, “they always had a contest to see who could get the crosswords done in the shortest amount of time.” Citing his wealth of vocabulary words, he would try to help them, but “quickly realized it was a lost cause.”

Alas, once students graduated and checked back on *The Breeze* website for updates about their school, they learned that the answers to the crosswords were posted on the homepage.

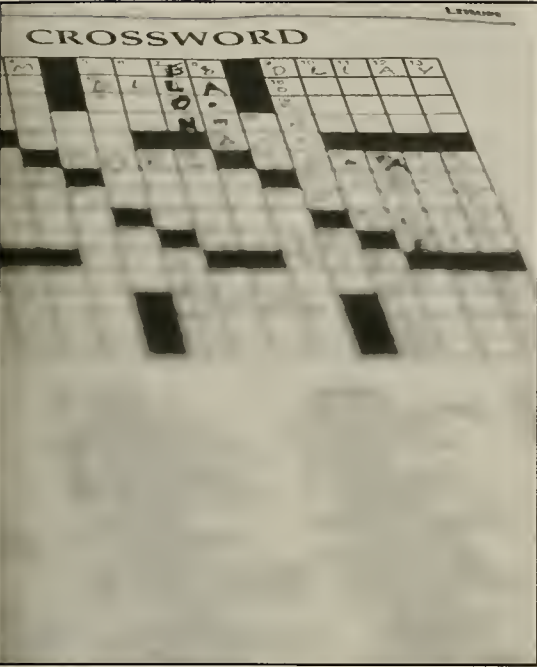
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Candice Gordon
Amanda Guss
Tegan Hare
Austin Hendrick



Molly Herbstritt
Ashley Higgins
Erin Hill
Virginia Hobson
Andrew Holben
Katherine Inge
Jennifer Kallenbom
Julia Kistner





Almost completed, the Monday issue of The Breeze crossword waits to be finished. Crosswords were so popular that The Breeze made a crossword supplement at the end of the semester. *[Photo by Margan Riehl]*



Working on the crossword in between classes, sophomores Kara Feigelson, Hannah Moffitt, and Amanda Juhas take a big risk by using pens. The Breeze puzzles never failed to stump readers twice a week. *[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]*



Ashley Langford
Jennifer Leary
Heather Linger
Sage Lipkin
Katie Lucas
Ashley McClelland
Kimberly McCray
Jessica McKay

Katie McPadden
Carolyn Miller
Lindsay Miller
Margaret Miller
Kristin Mimm
Whitney Morris
Rebecca Nakles
John Naparlo



Instructing his GSCI 104 class, Professor Stanley Ulanski gives tips on how to fly fish. This was the first semester of fly fishing. [Photo by Clare Burchard]

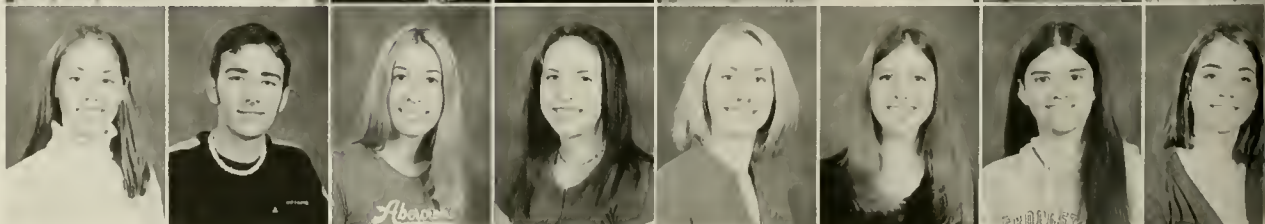
Casting in Newman Lake, Professor Stanley Ulanski demonstrates to the class how it is properly done. Ulanski had much experience in the sport while most of the class had never tried it before. [Photo by Clare Burchard]



Erin O'Keefe
 Kartlin O'Neil
 Ashley Payne
 Shannon Pery
 Kelly Peterson
 Jennifer Pic
 Rachel Posner
 Timothy Pote



Christina Razionale
 Andrew Richards
 Jill Rodriguez
 Allison Rossi
 Joanne Rupprecht
 Amanda Sanford
 Bethany Saunders
 Katherine Schuster



Reeling in **The Grade**

A new GSCI class offers the techniques of fly fishing

“Gone fishing” was no longer an excuse to skip class. Rather it was an excuse for students to pack up their book bags and meet their professor at the nearest stream for a few hours of casting.

“Fly Fishing,” the Geology department’s newest course, taught the art and science of this beloved American sport in an eight-week, one credit science class that fulfilled a General Education course requirement. But of all science topics, why Fly Fishing?

Fly-fishing was a sport that required that the participants not only have patience, but also basic knowledge of physics and biology. Fly fishermen must have understood the biology of the stream environment, the physics of refracted light, the importance of water quality, the stream flow and the physics involved in casting. The class, designed by renowned fisherman and professor Stanley Ulanski, was a creative way to introduce students to aspects of science in a practical, unconventional setting.

Ulanski recently appeared on the History Channel program “The Tackle Box” to participate in an hour-long program on the history of fly fishing. The seasoned and avid fly fisherman was delighted to bring the sport to the University. “I thought [the course] was a unique way to teach basic science concepts about the aquatic environment in the context of essentially a recreational activity—fly fishing,” said Ulanski.

Valerie King, a junior in Ulanski’s course described him as “very chill.”

King enrolled in the class because, “it seemed like the coolest topic out there” even though she had never been fly fishing before. King enjoyed the class because it was, “a fun time in a fun class.”

Likewise, junior Kim Ovuka enrolled in the course for the same reasons—because it sounded, “fun and interesting.” Ovuka enjoyed the class because, “it’s basically a crash course in a recreational activity,” and “it does not feel like your typical academically based course, especially since we are actually going out into the field to practice what we have been taught.”

According to Ovuka, some of what Ulanski taught his students involved “thinking like a trout.” Trout, Ovuka said, was the fish that the class concentrated on most because it was the most common fish in the area.

“The point is that trout will adjust to their environment by finding safe places to hide from predators, seek shelter from strong currents and hold in places where there is food,” said Ulanski. “If students understand the behavior of the trout stream, then they can increase their chances of possibly catching a fish.”

Understanding the aquatic environment and its inhabitants was one of Ulanski’s goals for the course. Also an important goal, he added, was the catch. “If students understand the behavior of trout in stream, then they can increase their chances of possibly catching that fish.”

Carrie Belt



Matthew Schucker
Yu-Li Shen
Anita Singh
Kristin Smith
Cameron Topper
Carolyn Trowbridge
Rachel Versteeg
Nancy Vidarte

Lauren Wallace
Sharon Warren
James Weaver
Chris Weibel
Leslie Wilson
Tiffany Yeatman
Julia Yuskavage
Jonathan Zook





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Getting Artsy/Crafty

The new Arts and Crafts Club allows creativity to shine

Passion for creativity, friendships, and the aspiration for a finished product were among the reasoning behind the new arts and crafts club, Art Scene. The club consisted of four members, juniors Morgan Ressa, Andrea Spieldenner, Kelly Harris and sophomore Kelly Halliday. Making gifts and other collectibles was a hobby of Ressa's that she brought to college with her. She would spend nights with her suitemates making crafts as a way to get to know her neighbors.

This common hobby made Ressa think that there were probably others at the University that shared her interests. She and her three friends joined the club in hopes to create a circle of friends who would accomplish something creative at every meeting.

Spieldenner, secretary for the organization, said that she joined the club because she would never have the time or resources to make gifts all on her own. Going to club meetings however allowed her to make time for crafts every week. The hardest part of the club was coming up with new ideas but the group found their ideas to be very successful. The club decorated letter boxes, made pillows out of towels, made personal jewelry, refrigerator magnets, pictures frames, and did some face painting and cartoon drawing. They used these crafts as a way to make presents for family and friends in order to save money and make the gifts more personal.



Taylor Adkins
Lindsey Adler
Merriam Ahmad
Emily Aikman
Kristen Angster
Jessie Barth
Krystle Battistelli
Emily Booth



Megan Bove
Laura Boyer
Beth Branch
Jason Brown
Keisha Brown
Stephanie Byrne
Danielle Carbone
Elizabeth Carter



Glueing together the bottom of a box, sophomore Becca Rotz participates in an arts and crafts activity in Transitions. The new Arts and Crafts club was open to all grades and majors. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Sharing supplies, members of the new Arts and Crafts club paint collectible trinket boxes. The Arts and Club meet weekly with new crafts planned for each meeting [Photo by Clare Buchard]



The craft meetings allowed each member to momentarily escape from the pressures of college life. Every meeting was an opportunity for members to express their individuality and creativity with friends. Spieldenner said, "I like doing crafts every week. It's a lot of fun and gives me a chance to be creative and to relax and to get away from the pressure of school work for a few hours."

On average, about 30 members came each week for the activities. Ressa still wanted to increase the popularity of the club. She said, "I want the club to remain after all of the leaders are gone." Ressa was influenced by her father, an art major and teacher. She said, "I love art, it is a passion that I cannot get rid of." She wanted every member of her club to be creative with their own techniques, but to also learn new artistic skills.

Gina Indelicate
Angela Morgan



Jennifer Cartis
Hali Chiet
Lindsay Church
Rebecca Cooper
Kathleen Corrin
Andrew Dellinger
Taylor DelMonte
Neil Dermody

Meghan DeSanto
Alyssa Diefenderfer
Sloane Dills
Mary Dodson
Rebecca Edwards
Ashley Eisenman
Ashley Forman
Stacy Freed



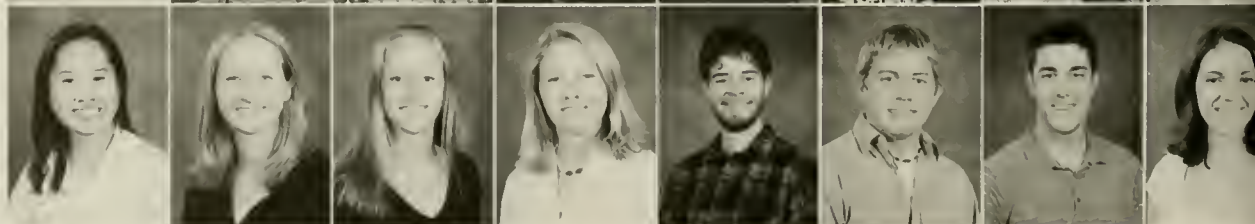
Inviting all students to take advantage of the unoccupied space, the old bookstore provides both a study area and club meeting spot. The old bookstore in Warren Hall turned into Transitions when the new bookstore was built in Godwin parking lot.

[Photo by Gina Indellicate]

Jennifer Gergely
 Jesse Glampa
 Taryn Goodwin
 Adam Gosney
 Millie Graham
 Eugene Graynovskiy
 Chesney Grizzard
 Julie Gundrum



Linda Ha
 Cara Hann
 Katie Harmon
 Meredith Harris
 Kevin Hasser
 Peter Heindel
 Adam Hendricks
 Jackie Heppes



A Popular Nook

The old bookstore provides a comfortable study spot

When the University's bookstore was relocated to its new facility outside Godwin, a deserted space was left in Warren Hall. The University Center wanted to make the extra room beneficial to students, and thus, created Transitions. The new hangout for students, Transitions was made available as a lounge, group study area, vendor space, advertising arena and recreational realm. The old bookstore was turned into a makeshift student center, filled with tables and chairs, couches and even a television. This relaxing atmosphere created a prime retreat for students during a long day of classes.

"I think it is a great place, especially for commuter students who have long breaks between classes," said senior Kristy Barnes. "This place lets me relax before my next class and the couches are really comfortable." The convenient location and availability of space created a refuge from the hectic days all students experienced.

Although the disappearance of the bookstore left bare white walls surrounding the room, they were quickly put to use. The undecorated empty wall space spurred organizations to use it as an area for advertising. Campus organizations and clubs advertised upcoming events, hanging large banners from the ceiling and posting fliers on the walls. The makeshift student center allowed for creative advertisements with no space restrictions. Considering the large number of students who used the hangout, advertising in Transitions helped notify more people of upcoming events. Sophomore Jennifer Miller said, "Even if I just come here to study, I always leave

with new information about different events around campus. I love the location too; I can come here right after my history class on The Quad and have a snack with friends."

Students found the new hangout to be a positive contribution to everyday life and the freedom to use the room for whatever intent was adopted by students without hesitation. Graduate Kim Turner said, "It is really nice, a little loud for library work, but a great place to congregate."

As the name implies, Transitions was billed as being only a temporarily unused spot until renovations began. Dave Barnes, Director of the University and College Centers, said, "The intention of the empty space is and always will be for the students' benefit. Focus groups of students and retreats with staff were utilized to determine the final outcome of the space. With proper funding, the motivation is to eventually create a fun and useful addition for daily student life."

Junior Fawzia Bhavnagri said, "I really love this place! It is such a cool area to sit around with friends and talk. Also, my friends and I have group study sessions in here before we have tests. Although it will be difficult to stop coming here, I'm sure the renovations will make this place an even better benefit to students."

Caillin Monahan



Laura Hertzman
Jessica Hines
Philomena Hoar
Janis Holcombe
Sarah Irby
Anne Jacoby
Rahni Jenkins
LaTasha Johnson

Megan Johnson
Megan Kelley
Travis Kelley
Mariana Kershteyn
Janessa Kildall
Jennifer Kinsey
Jennifer Klepper
Audrey Laroche

Gaining Global Awareness

One teacher strives to change misconceptions with literature

History professor, Dr. Phillip Riley wanted to share with his class a story of self-sacrifice, forgiveness, faith and a communal union of brothers. He did this with, "The Monks of Tibhirine: Faith, Love and Terror in Algeria," a book written by Dr. John Kiser.

The book exposed a real-life event that took place in Algeria in 1996, where seven Trappist monks were kidnapped from their monastery and murdered. The people responsible for their murders remained a mystery.

The book focused on how Muslims and Christians lived together in a community. It detailed how the two cultures struggled in their attempt to accept each other. When word of the tragedy got out about the seven monks whose lives were taken, it shocked the entire community.

The book enabled Riley's students to see the bigger connection of others in the world. He explained that the motives of why the monks were targeted were unclear. Riley said, "Forgiveness is the key to understanding the book. The radical terrorists wanted to kill to show their power. But they did not have a reason for targeting the monks."

Riley said he wanted his students to get two messages from the book. The first one being that Islam was not necessarily associated with terrorism and the second that Islam faced the threat of terrorism as well. These messages would clear up common misconceptions held after the tragic events of Sept. 11.

Riley recognized the lack of knowledge in the American culture. He sought to have his class be aware of other issues besides those internally



Reading *The Monks of Tibhirine*, Professor Phillip Riley prepares for his class. Riley taught the GenEd class *Critical Issues in a Global Context*.
[Photo by Kate Sawyer]

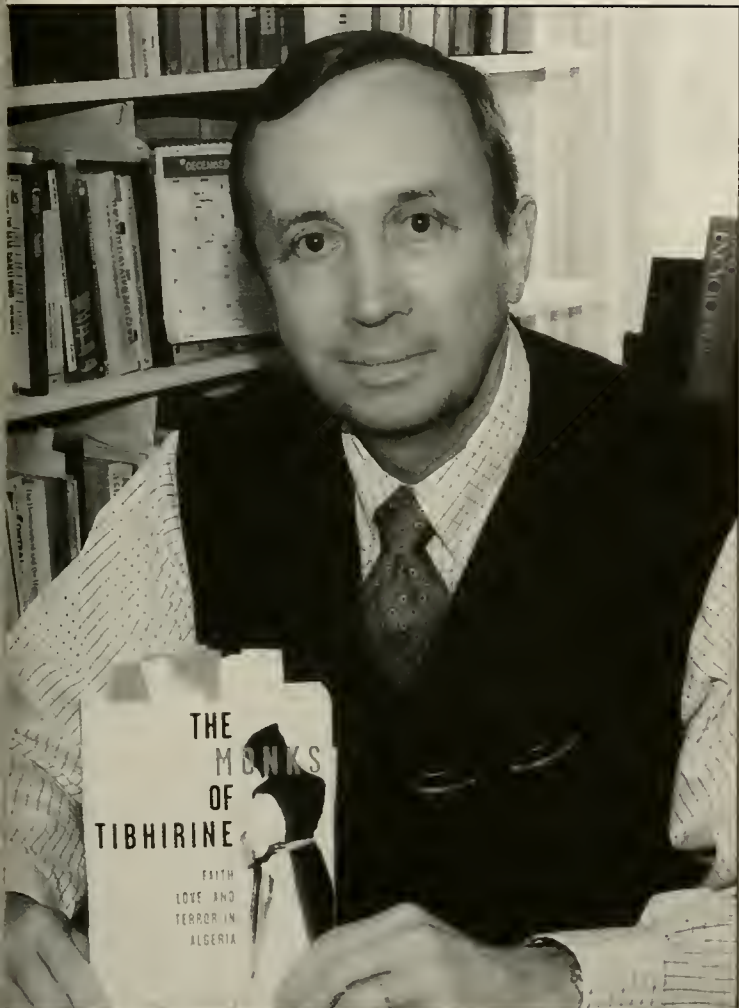
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Annie Layman
Adam Lee
Travis Lee
Lauren Leopold
Nicole Lodish
Kristen Maher
Albin Mailhes



Patricia Managhan
Chris Markferding
Jason Martin
Lauren Martina
Nicole Martorana
Adam Mathews
Sasha McClain
Lori McVay



Displaying "The Monks of Tibhirine," Professor Phillip Riley uses the context of this book to educate. The book explored the issue of terrorism and its affect on the world. [Photo by Kate Sawyer]



within the U.S. He said, "The book attempts to show the students a connection in world history. Students need to keep their eyes on events that are happening in other parts of the world."

Senior Melissa Ordorff said, "I learned that the monks relied fully on one another for strength and guidance. They looked to one another to help them identify their own weaknesses."

Riley gave his students a chance to meet the author of this courageous book by inviting Kiser to speak to the community. Kiser came and spoke about world events, so students could see the source of where the writing came.

At Kiser's presentation he discussed some issues of why the monks were killed and said, "The story is a focus on the survival of a community. You cannot dismiss an entire organization because of one action."

Ordorff realized that Kiser's speech was more than just a book about monks; it was about the Algerian culture.

Angela Morgan



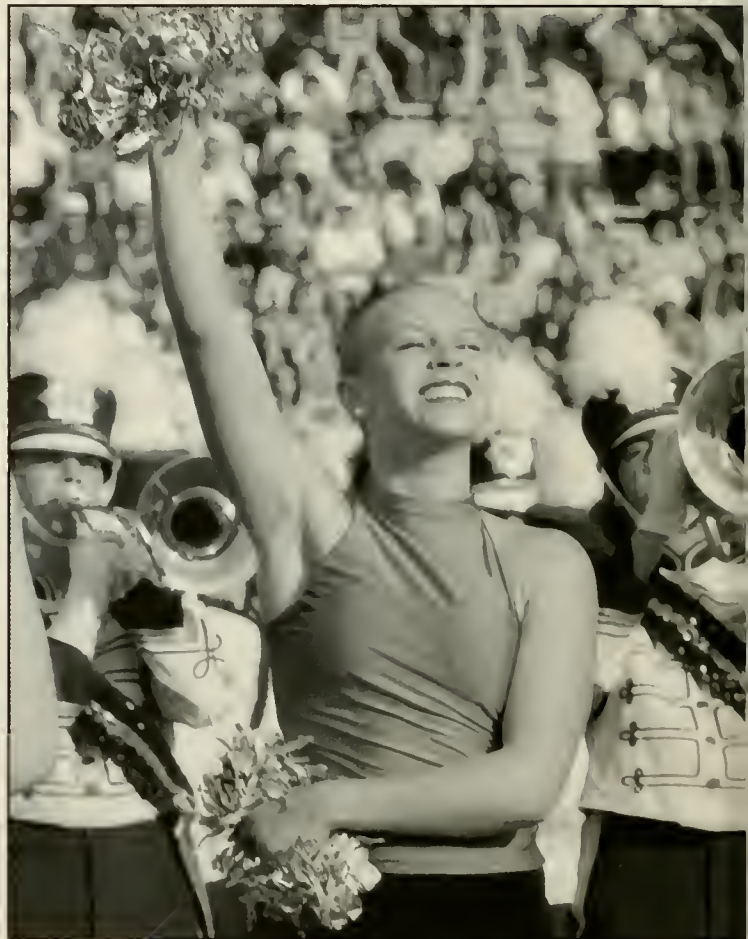
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Heather Miller
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Brooke Mondy
Morgan Muelenaer
Therese Muldoon
Jennifer Murphy
Cari Nash

Jennifer Ng
Andreea Nicolaescu
Jennifer Nolte
Seamus O'Connor
Erin O'Donnell
Brian Orr
Rachel Palenski
Jennifer Palmisano

Landing from a toe-touch, freshman Lauren Eubank continues to smile. The Dukettes became an integral part of Eubank's life early in her college career.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Striking a pose, freshman Lauren Eubank finishes a routine at the Parents Weekend football game. Eubank began her dance career at the age of two.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Ashley Pattie
Tiffany Payne
Elizabeth Peter
Sarah Phillips
Claire Powers
Jessica Rasich
Lindsey Roberts
Benjamin Rosenberger



Kaitlin Rowley
Kristin Rupert
Megan Russell
Kelli Savia
Alexis Scarborough
Monica Scherer
Jennifer Schranz
Katy Schroer



Dancing With Rythmn

One freshman brings youth and excitement to the Dukettes

"Dancing is a part of who I am," said freshman Lauren Eubank. She had been taught by one of the best, used it as a way to express herself and managed to keep her spark for it alive.

Since the age of two, Eubank had envisioned herself becoming a great dancer. She began dancing at Ardell Stone School of Dancing in Roanoke, VA and was instructed by Wade Robinson. Even though she was an Elementary Education major, she did not want to give up her dance career. "I want to dance as long as I can," she said.

Never imagining she would be a part of a dance team at a university, Eubank challenged herself. She tried out for the Dukettes in April before she began school at the University. She was skeptical of her ability to compete with the others at tryouts who appeared to love dancing as much as she did. Though her stomach was filled with anxiety, she put her best foot forward and impressed the judges. "Going from a dance studio to making a dance team in college was a big accomplishment," Eubank said.

By strictly appearance, the Dukettes put on a show that made the life of a dancer seem glamorous. Other students could not imagine balancing school with the amount of time Eubank put into practice each week. New dance routines were prepared each week and the Dukettes held practice for two hours each day, Monday through Friday perfecting their routines. Their dances involved a combination of jazz, hip-hop and pom techniques. Not only did Eubank practice with her team, but she also spent time several days a week at the gym to stay in shape.

Even though there was a considerable time commitment with the Dukettes, Eubank said it helped keep her on a set schedule. In the fall, the team danced at all football games and at basketball games in the winter sports season. During the spring semester, the Dukettes performed at the Colonial Athletic Association Men's Basketball Tournament and also at the NCA Collegiate National Competition.

Mistakes were evident for even the best dancers, but Eubank said in order to be a successful dancer, one must learn to work through those mistakes. Learning the "smile and recover" technique was one of the keys to success after a mistake.

Through dancing, Eubank was able to create an outlet that enabled her to balance the pressure of her life with the help of the seventeen other women on the team. The squad felt like an extended family to her. She said, "They helped me to transition and provided a support system." The members advised Eubank with problems ranging from dance routines to schoolwork. Her biological family however, was one of her best support systems. She said her entire family and her friends would show their love and support by telling her how proud of her they are. Eubank said, "Performing is the best feeling in the world" and hoped to one day have a studio of her own where she could teach the next generation about the beauty of dance.

Kristin Short
Angela Morgan



Katherine Sheldon
Nathan Shelton
Samantha Simmons
Paul Smith
Richard Smyth
Kristin Sommers
Mary Standahl
Alicia Stetzer

Amber Swann
Ashley Swoope
Ellie Tiemann
Kathryn Tynes
Adrienne Vaughn
Wendy Waldeck
Audrey Ward
Hanna Wason

Reforming Virginia's Schools

Governor Mark Warner speaks about funding, teachers and the school system

Virginia Governor Mark Warner spoke to University students and faculty about education reform on Thursday, Sept. 4th in the College Center. The visit was part of a three-day, seven-city tour of The Commonwealth to promote his, "Education for a Lifetime" initiative.

The initiative was a series of six reforms focusing on multiple levels of education. Warner realized reaching the goals of this proposal would be difficult. "This coming year we are facing a rough budget," he said.

To keep up the state's minimum school requirements, known as the Standards of Learning, Warner intended to propose full funding—\$525 million, which did not include the estimated cost of \$324 million if changes were made to the standards.

Savings from the initiatives could eventually pay for the program throughout the years. Warner said, "Every dollar saved can be reinvested in public education."

One of the six reforms addressed the recruitment and retention of good teachers. "Next to parents, the single greatest indicator of a student's ability to achieve in education is the quality of the teacher. It is more important than the school building and it's more important than the classroom size," Warner said.

In the next 10 years Warner estimated that 33,000, nearly 40 percent of Virginia public school teachers, are expected to retire while 32,000 students are predicted to enter the public school system within the next two years alone.

Warner believed this astonishing loss in teachers was not due solely to retirement, but also because Virginia schools are not able to compete in the areas of faculty pay and resources.

Another important and promising aspect of the initiative provided high school students with the opportunity to gain college credit their senior year. Senior Year Plus was a program designed to allow senior students to earn up to a full semester of college credit before leaving high school. "That is a direct \$5,000 benefit to parents," Warner said, based on the average cost of in-state tuition of college.

Warner believed the initiatives would have a positive impact on every person in Virginia and many students and faculty were looking forward to the implementation of the governor's proposal. "Now I believe we've got to make available to every person in Virginia a system of education that starts with preschool and doesn't even end when you leave JMU, but goes throughout your whole working career," Warner said.

Warner also visited Virginia Commonwealth University, Norfolk State University and Northern Virginia Community College. The tour of The Commonwealth ended Friday with stops at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and the University of Virginia.

Eileen Lofrese

Elizabeth Wesner
Brittani Wesolowski
Elizabeth Wheless
Christa White
Claire Williamson
George Wilson
Sara Wist
Mary Worden



John Yurkow



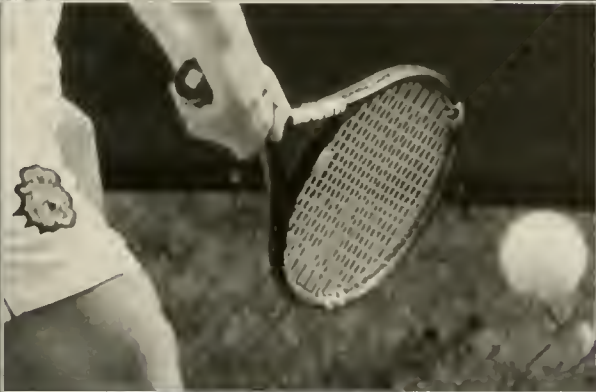


Being greeted by students, Governor Mark Warner meets the listeners of his speech. Warner spoke at several universities to promote his views on current education in Virginia.
[Photo by Nathaniel Clarkson]



Speaking on "Education for a Lifetime," Governor Mark Warner lectures at the College Center. Warner spoke about the necessity of educational reform.
[Photo by Nathaniel Clarkson]





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Staring down the target, senior Adam Wheatcroft draws back his bow. Wheatcroft was a three time Collegiate All American champion and an inspiration to all those on the archery team.

[Photo Courtesy of Ern Fitzgerald]

"I think the team unity is great." - Kelly Clark, Women's Recurve

ARCHERY

By: Erin Fitzgerald

Senior Adam Wheatcroft had more accomplishments by the young age of 21 than most people fulfill in a lifetime. As successful as Wheatcroft was, he always kept a humble demeanor. In fact, many of his friends never knew how amazing his accolades in archery were. Although he was one of the top archers in the world, he wanted people to know him for his sense of humor, love of all sports and academic achievements. To Wheatcroft, archery was simply something he did well.

By the age of 18, Wheatcroft had been a member of the Junior United States Archery Team for four years. He had also earned his way to two consecutive Junior World Championships. The first was held in Sweden in 1998, the second in France in 2000. When Wheatcroft competed in Sweden, he was one of the youngest competitors and was a fresh face on the world scene. His nerves of steel, quickness and accuracy made the other competitors wonder, "who is this kid?" In Sweden, Wheatcroft stood on the first place podium twice, once for an individual gold medal and again for team gold. When competing in France, Wheatcroft was the defending world champion. For anyone else attempting to defend this title, nerves might have beaten them, but not Wheatcroft. He again won the individual gold and guided his team to gold as well. This was a feat that not many accomplish, let alone someone at such a young age. During these years, he also had broken seven world records, two of which remain today.



Front Row: Jennifer Kiser, Megan Bowker, Kristen Haug, Nichole Kimbal, Kelly Clark; Second Row: Caleb Heller, James Kim, Stephanie Pylpchuk, Katrina Weiss, Andrew Holben, Ryan Segura
Back Row: Coach Andy Puckett, Brad Fiala, Adam Wheatcroft, Bobby Parr, Josh Miller, Ian DeVivi, David Allen, Coach Bod Ryder

When Wheatcroft arrived at the University four years ago, he was joining the best collegiate archery team in the nation. While at the University, Wheatcroft won the National Indoor Archery tournament and the Collegiate National Outdoor Championships twice. In 2001, Wheatcroft won the National US Open, which had him shooting against all the professional and amateur archers from around the world. While attending the University, Wheatcroft also qualified as a senior member of the United States Archery Team. Academically, Wheatcroft was a three time Collegiate All-American and Academic All-American. He also earned his way to another world tournament, this time in Thailand. In 2002 Wheatcroft represented the school and the United States at the World University Games. There, Wheatcroft won his third straight individual and team world title, an accomplishment unmatched by anyone of the same age, in any sport. People, who knew how skilled Wheatcroft was, expected nothing less than another win at a world tournament.

After winning his second national collegiate title for the University, Wheatcroft was diagnosed with brain cancer. He received treatments between his junior and senior year and felt well enough to return to the University to begin his senior year. By October of 2003, the cancer had unexpectedly spread to his spine and with no treatments available, Wheatcroft died on October 28th.

Wheatcroft represented what the entire student-athletic community strove for, but few actually ever achieved. Wheatcroft was perhaps one of the greatest athletes ever to have graced the campus, representing this University on a national and international level. His name and achievements were written forever in history, but the way he influenced everyone he met left a lasting impression that could never be recorded or written for others to experience. Adam Wheatcroft's image will forever be represented in the endless sweat, tears and energy that University student-athletes poured into their passions day after day.

Looking through their scopes, the Archery team views their shot. The Dukes closed out the season with a 27-1 record
[Photo courtesy of Stephanie Pylpchuk]





Taking aim, sophomore Bobby Parr prepares to release his bow. Parr was part of the men's team won the silver medal.
[Photo courtesy of Stephanie Pylypchuk]



Focusing on her next move, freshman Katrina Weiss stands firm. Weiss was the Dukes top finisher at the U.S. Intercollegiate Championships.
[Photo courtesy of Stephanie Pylypchuk]

women's compound
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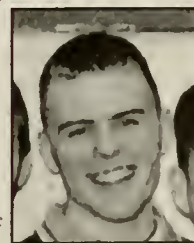
Megan Bowker
Senior
Middleborough,
MA



- Honors:**
Team Captain
Collegiate All-American
1st at Atlantic City Archery Classic
2nd at Regional Indoor Tournament
2nd at NY State Indoor
2nd at NJ State Indoor
1st at VA State Indoor
1st at U. S. Battle of Bull Run
6th at United States Intercollegiate Archery Championships (USIACS)
World University Archery Team
4th at the World University Games in Korea
Set world record with two teammates and won gold medal in team round

men's compound
SPOTLIGHT

Adam
Wheatcroft
Senior
Clarkston, MI

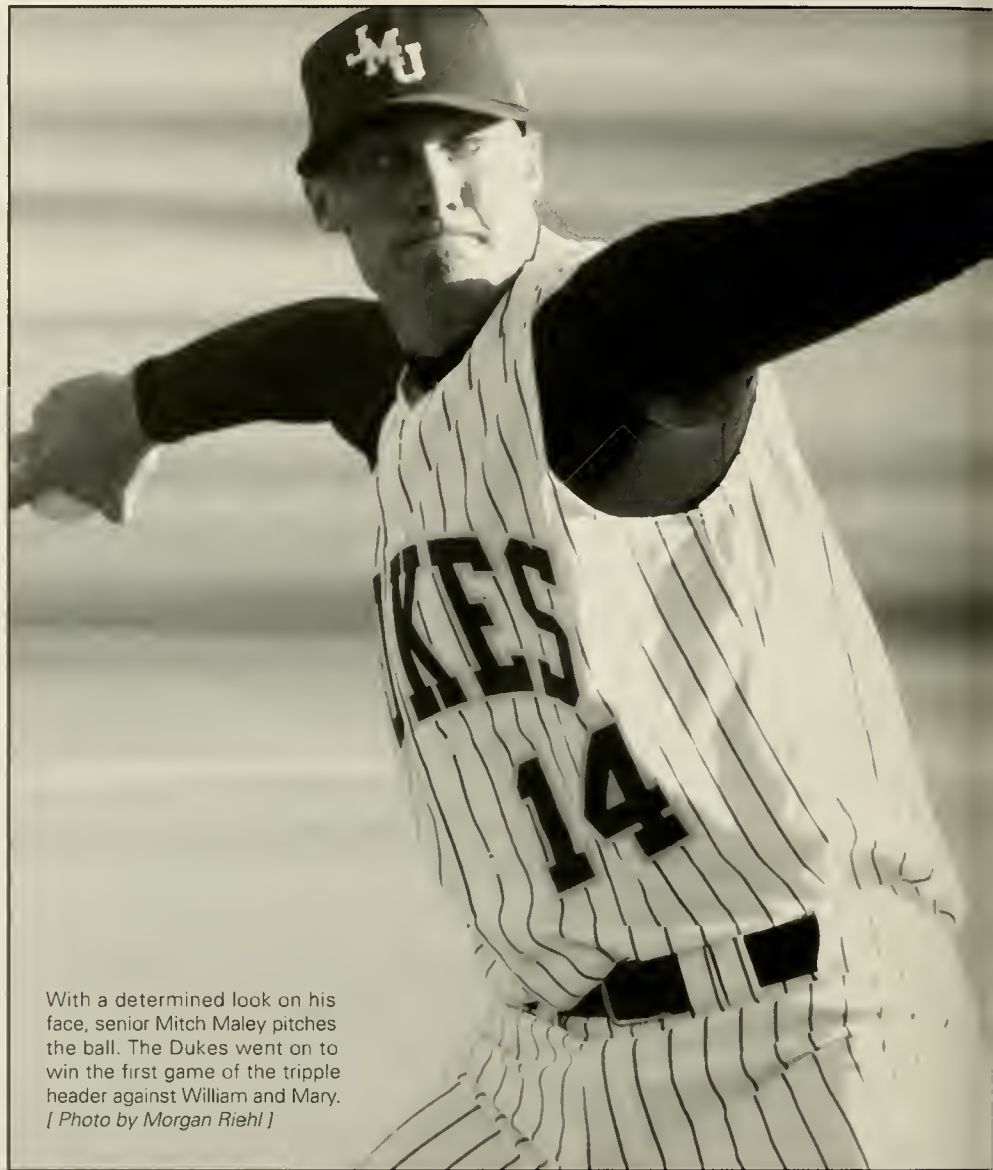


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U. S. Intercollegiate Champion
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1st at Atlantic City Archery Classic
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1st at NJ State Indoor
1st at VA State Indoor
2nd at U. S. Indoor/East Region
2nd at U. S. Battle of Bull Run
Voted Men's Team's most outstanding archer
Member of Duke's men's compound and mixed compound teams that were U. S. intercollegiate runners-up

the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU	OPP.
6	South Carolina 7
6	Tennessee 11
6	Wake Forest 15
2	Wake Forest 13
1	George Washington 10
2	Virginia 3
10	Central Connecticut 2
13	Canisius 3
16	Central Connecticut 4
22	Canisius 7
3	Virginia Tech 1
7	Cleveland State 5
13	Buffalo 2
21	St. John's 9
9	St. John's 8
2	St. John's 1
9	Maryland 7
5	Virginia Tech 5
5	Wright State 4
8	Wright State 8
10	Wright State 6
3	Virginia 13
4	Virginia 5
5	Delaware 1
3	Delaware 9
16	Radford 8
7	Richmond 14
6	William & Mary 11
23	William & Mary 5
3	William & Mary 14
4	Richmond 5
15	Drexel 8
8	Drexel 4
4	Drexel 2
5	Liberty 6
11	Radford 15
9	Towson 4
4	Towson 1
10	Towson 14
10	Maryland 5
15	George Mason 4
5	George Mason 1
1	George Mason 5
2	Penn State 3
11	Penn State 12
3	Winthrop 7
2	Winthrop 4
3	UNC Wilmington 6
7	UNC Wilmington 8
8	UNC Wilmington 3
8	Liberty 5
10	Old Dominion 4
4	Old Dominion 1
9	Old Dominion 5
12	William & Mary 13
3	VA Commonwealth 11



With a determined look on his face, senior Mitch Maley pitches the ball. The Dukes went on to win the first game of the tripple header against William and Mary. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



After hitting a homerun, senior Eddie Kim is congratulated by his teammates. Kim finished his college career by tying Dukes 36 home run record. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"We were definitely playing better by the end of the year." - Spanky McFarland, Head Coach

BASEBALL

The baseball team showed a great deal of dedication, enduring through many tough games. Five team members suffered broken bones, two underwent surgery, inclement weather cancelled practices and games, and the team lost key junior pitchers when they signed to professional teams. Yet even with these setbacks, the team ended the season with a record of 44-16 and finished first in the Colonial Athletic Association regular season.

By: Cary Bell

Head Coach Spanky McFarland felt that the season went well individually, but that improvements needed to be made overall. "We started the season with a tough loss and ended with a tough loss," stated McFarland, who was assisted by Chuck Bartlett, Ryan Brownlee and Jay Sullenger. The first game the team played was against the national runner-up, South Carolina and the Dukes suffered a tough loss after playing overtime into eleven innings. Their season ended with a loss to William and Mary from a three-run homer in the ninth inning. "We never really got on a roll," stated McFarland, "but we were definitely playing better by the end of the year."

The season was one of individual improvements for the baseball team. Seven players were drafted by professional teams. First basemen Eddie Kim and left-handed pitcher Kurt Isenberg were both selected in the fourth round of the First-Year Player Draft conducted by Major League Baseball. Kim was drafted by the Oakland Athletics and Isenberg by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Right-handed pitcher Rick McKernan was signed as a free agent by the Baltimore Orioles. Shortstop Nathan Doyle was drafted by Detroit and his twin brother, left-handed pitcher Jared Doyle, was picked up by Arizona last year. Others drafted were catcher Matt Deuchler to the Chicago White Sox and third base Brent Metheny to the Seattle Mariners. Mike Trussell went to the Baton Rouge Riverbats' independent team. Although going on to play professionally was a huge accomplishment for the players, the Dukes lost these key team members. However, the team viewed the losses as an opportunity for some of its younger or less experienced players to receive more thorough training.

Kim was the first player to ever receive the Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year Award two years in a row. He held a career batting average of .407 and made 99 hits, doubles and RBI's in the past season alone. Isenberg had 186 strikeouts and 93 walks in 215 career innings.

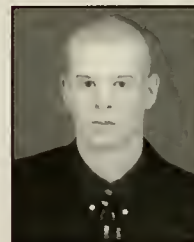
Major League Baseball took some of the team's best pitchers, but this gave some of the younger pitchers the opportunity to develop their skills throughout the season. Although pitching was a vital part of the team's success, it was not the only aspect concentrated on. The Dukes ended up leading the league in hitting. With a great deal of dedication, the team worked through all of their losses.



Front Row: Brian Leatherwood, Travis Miller, Jamie Hansberry, Travis Ebaugh, Matt Sluder, Shea Harris, Sean Loso, Mike Cowgill; Second Row: Nate Schill, Skyler Doom, Brent Metheny, Matt Deuchler, Kurt Isenberg, Mitch Rigsby, Nathan Doyle, Matt Bristow, Justin Ruffin, Geoff Degener, Pat Riley; Back Row: Associate Head Coach Chuck Bartlett, Greg Nesbitt, Mitch Moses, Eddie Kim, Chris Cochran, Rick McKernan, Jake Gaiser, Mike Trussell, Mitch Maley, Mike Butia, Alan Lindsey, Dan Santobianco, Clay McKim, Head Coach Spanky McFarland, Assistant Coach Ryan Brownlee.

left-hand pitcher
MAGNIFIED

Greg Nesbitt
Freshman
Drumore, PA



Statistics:
ERA: 5.57
Struck out 24
Won 3, Lost 2
Pitched 32 and 1/3 innings



Sliding in safely, sophomore Mike Butia steals second base. As a freshman Butia was named Rookie of the year.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"We are a team unlike any other." - Amy Altig, Goalkeeper

LACROSSE

By: Ashley McClelland

The women's lacrosse team worked together to create an incredible season. Not only did they win the Colonial Athletic Association Championship, they also made it to the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. Both were amazing accomplishments for the team considering they had staff changes in the middle of the season.

"The team did great this year. We really came together and played like a team. We worked extremely hard all year to prepare ourselves for a tough season and we came out successful,"

junior goalkeeper Amy Altig said. This success was proven through their season record, 13-6 overall, and 6-1 in CAA games. "We accomplished one of our major goals and that was to be CAA champs. Although we did not make it as far as we would have liked in the NCAA's, our team gained valuable NCAA experience that will help us next year," said junior attacker Jessica Brownridge.

Throughout the season, the girls had key games that helped them to reach their CAA championship goals. "Our victory over Maryland gave us added confidence. Also, our Virginia game, even though we ended up losing by one, was a great example of the potential of our defense," senior mid-fielder Gail Decker said.

Altig said, "I think it was a big accomplishment for our team, beating the undefeated Maryland, beating Dartmouth and contending with Duke and the University of Virginia. I am extremely proud of how our team did this season."

The season was not only about games for the girls. "One word can describe our team and that word is 'family.' I have never met a greater group of people that work so hard and give everything they have to help their teammates," said Altig. She continued, "We are a team unlike any other. For us to spend every day together for the entire school year and even more time with each other at practice and during the season shows how much we care about each other, especially since we all live together, too. There is just a true sense of caring and trust on our team that I have never experienced with any other team." Other team members agreed. "We are a family. We all get along great. It is comforting to know that I have thirty sisters! We had awesome leadership throughout the season and a great chemistry both on and off the field," said Brownridge.

The team went through changes this season. In the coaching staff, Kellie Young became the team's new head coach, replacing former coach, Jennifer Ulehla. "Kellie, our new coach, brought in a new energy and different coaching style," said Decker. "Kellie's commitment to this team and the things she did for us as a team was unlike any other season. Playing for two different coaches in the past two years has shown me different coaching styles and different mindsets. Each coach that I have played for here has helped to make this program what it is now," said Altig.

Brownridge said, "We came together as a team and pulled through hard times together. We were and still are a very close-knit bunch. Every game is important, and we always play to win and win big."

Standing strong, junior midfielder Johanna Bucholz, begins the draw against Dartmouth. The Dukes defeated Dartmouth 6-4
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Front Row: Jesse Collins, Samantha Warner, Beth Davis, team co-captain Lisa Staedt, team co-captain Gail Decker, Rachel Sappington, Kari Pabis, Lisa Sager. **Second Row:** Assistant Coach Gusie Habeck, Livvy King, Lauren Pyke, Jessica Brownridge, Carrie Martell, Lyndsay Graham, Meghan Hannum, Betsey Priest, Brooke McKenzie, Kara Beatty, Amy Altig, Athletic Trainer Erica Shaya. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Heather Dent, Lindsay Weiner, Marissa Ciancio, Johanna Buchholz, Ashlee Dardine, Jessica Beard, Christin Polak, Natalie Shore, Carolyn Brophy, Elise Bernier, Erin Chanler, Head Coach Kellie Young.



Cradling the ball, junior mid-fielder Gail Decker makes a sprint toward the goal. Decker lead the Dukes as their Co-Captain for the 2003 season. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
20	Lafayette	1
12	Penn State	11
14	Yale	7
12	Old Dominion	13
12	William & Mary	9
6	Dartmouth	4
10	Hofstra	7
3	Loyola, MD	15
10	Towson	8
11	Virginia	12
9	Maryland	8
7	Georgetown	14
12	George Mason	6
15	Delaware	3
16	Drexel	5
5	Duke	13
10	George Mason	8
11	Old Dominion	9
5	Georgetown	9

midfielder

MAGNIFIED

Gail Decker
Junior
Baltimore, MD



Statistics:

Goals: 51
Points: 70
Assists: 19
Shooting Percentage: .468
Draw Controls: 43
Minutes Played: 1,094
Ground Balls: 60

Honors:

Tewaaraton Trophy nominee for nation's top player
IWLCA/U.S. Lacrosse All-America second team and womenslacrosse.com All-America second team
All-South Region second team
All-CAA first team
CAA All-Tournament Team
IWLCA Academic Honor Roll

Maneuvering around her defender, senior Lisa Staedt looks for an open teammate. Staedt was CAA lacrosse player of the year.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"We have very much improved from top to bottom." - Katie Flynn, Head Coach

SOFTBALL

By: Cary Bell

The second season of women's varsity softball proved to be a challenge that the Dukes were prepared to face up to. While the season record was 18-31, the team played in thirty games decided by two runs or less. The players were dedicated and strong, never giving up during a game regardless of the score.

Head Coach Katie Flynn guided the team through a promising first year and continued to

be a dedicated coach to the ten returning players and six newcomers. Assistant Coach Cheryl Denny returned for a second year and Lisa Ciavardini joined for her first season as an assistant coach. Outfielder Leah Evert, pitcher Leah Conley and third basemen Kara Schwind were the team captains.

While their record was not as strong as the previous year, the team improved a great deal overall, especially on the offensive end. The team batting average went up 32 points and the slugging percentage went up 69 points. Flynn was pleased with the team's progression. "For being just the second varsity season, we have very much improved from top to bottom," Flynn stated. "We lost 15 games by only one run, which means that we were that close, that often," commented Flynn.

The girls opened their season in February with the Triangle Classic Tournament in Raleigh, N.C. While part of the tournament was cancelled due to inclement weather, the teams still managed a 3-1 win against Fordham University. They lost 4-0 to the University of Wisconsin and were unable to play any more games due to rain.

Two key games of the season were against Virginia Tech and Tulsa. On March 12, the Dukes opened at home with a doubleheader against Virginia Tech. The Hokies won the first game 10-2, but the Dukes managed a strong comeback in the second game. At the bottom of the fourth inning, the Hokies were leading 4-1 until Schwind hit a double, sending Briana Carrera and Lauren Curtis in. Scoring four more runs in the bottom of the sixth, the Dukes ended the game strong with a 7-4 win.

Just one week later, the team faced Tulsa in a doubleheader, losing the first game and then making a strong comeback in the second game, with a final score in the second game of 2-1.

The team participated in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Western Athletic Conference and Big Ten competition. They were a threat to the other teams in all of the tournaments.

The Dukes finished the season 5-9 in the Colonial Athletic Association championship. Curtis, starting center fielder, won two consecutive CAA Rookie of the Week awards, first playing against Drexel and then against Towson.

A number of players achieved individual goals while also being assets to the team. Curtis and pitcher/shortstop Carrera, both freshmen, were selected as the team's Most Valuable Players. Utility player junior Katie Jaworski and catcher junior Ashlee Schenk were both members of the All-CAA second team.



Front Row: Lauten Curtis, Kara Schwind, Krista Brottemarkle, Tricia Berryman, and Neralie Burd;
Second Row: Head Coach Katie Flynn, Megan Smith, Kelly Berkemeier, Leah Evert, Laura Hunt, Marcia Nichols, Assistant Coach Lisa Ciavardini, and Assistant Coach Cheryl Denny; **Back Row:** Briana Carrera, Liz George, Katie Jaworski, Ashlee Schenk, Lisa Perdew, Kristi Nixon, Nikka Dunn, and Leah Conley.

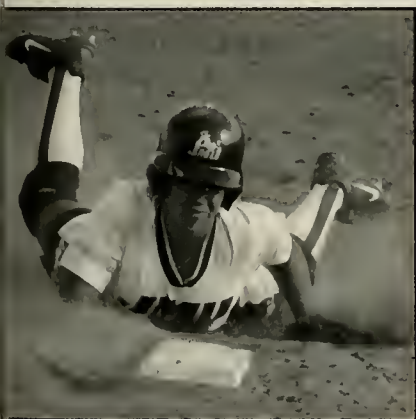


Playing against Delaware, Lauren Curtis, went 2-3 including a walk. Curtis was the 2003 CAA Co-Rookie of the year.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Delivering a pitch, sophomore tri-captain Leah Conley plays against George Mason at the end of the season. Conley carried the Dukes in their 2003 season with 118 innings pitched

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Sliding back to first base, freshman Brianna Carera makes it safe after a fly ball. The Dukes went on to win the first game of a double header against George Mason.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

utility
MAGNIFIED

Briana Carrera
Freshman
San Diego, CA



Statistics:
ERA: 2.39
Batting Avg: .325
Slugging Percentage: .490
Games Played: 48-of-49
Runs: 20
Doubles: 8
Triples: 7
Total Bases: 74

Honors:
Team Co-MVP
CAA Rookie of Week
CAA Player of the Week
Ranked 11th among National Leaders in most triples per game
13-game hitting streak
Hit over 300 with the most RBI's

the stats		
SCOREBOARD		
JMU		OPP.
3	Fordham	1
0	Wisconsin	4
5	Norfolk State	8
2	Radford	4
0	Liberty	9
6	Liberty	7
5	Radford	4
4	UNC Wilmington	1
11	Appalachian State	2
2	Elon	8
5	North Carolina A & T	4
5	Maryland Balt-Co.	6
4	Elon	5
2	Elon	3
2	Virginia Tech	10
7	Virginia Tech	4
4	Maryland Balt-Co.	5
2	Fordham	1
3	St. Francis-Pa.	2
2	Maryland Balt-Co.	1
1	Fordham	3
1	Tulsa	4
2	Tulsa	1
1	Robert Morris	2
1	Tulsa	4
2	Virginia	3
0	Penn State	3
1	Radford	2
4	Radford	2
5	George Washington	0
4	George Washington	0
3	Delaware	2
3	Delaware	4
10	Delaware	2
7	Drexel	1
6	Drexel	7
3	Drexel	1
2	Maryland	4
0	Maryland	1
8	Towson	7
3	Towson	8
3	Towson	4
3	Virginia	8
3	Virginia	12
0	Hofstra	3
3	Hofstra	4
5	George Mason	6
4	George Mason	6
1	George Mason	2

Lunging forward, senior Mike Hendricksen prepares to backhand the ball. Hendricksen was the Dukes' top seed senior.
 [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
3	George Washington	4
3	Washington & Lee	4
0	William & Mary	7
0	West Virginia	7
1	Davidson	6
1	Butler	6
4	UNC Wilmington	3
1	Richmond	6
2	Norfolk State	5
1	Liberty	6
2	Virginia Intermont	5
4	Mary Washington	3
7	George Mason	0
4	Hofstra	3
5	Delaware	2
6	Towson	0
0	UNC Wilmington	5

Va. Commonwealth 4+1 Invitational

4	Norfolk State	1
0	VA Commonwealth	5
2	Georgetown	3

CAA Men's Tennis Championship

1	UNC Wilmington	4
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tennis player

MAGNIFIED

John Snead
 Freshman
 Richmond, VA

Statistics:
 Singles Spring
 Record: 10-8



Honors:
 ITA-Scholar Athlete (Varsity Letter Winner and a 3.5 GPA)
 Freshman on Team
 Moved from playing No. 5 Singles to playing No. 2 Singles

Helping the Dukes win over the Patriots, freshman Michael McGettigan volleys the ball. McGettigan followed in his father's footsteps as a Duke tennis team member 26 years later.
 [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



"It made college life easier when you have a good set of friends like the guys on the tennis team." - Colin Malcolm, Player

MEN'S TENNIS

By: Ashley McClelland

The Men's tennis team struggled through a difficult start, but managed to pull themselves together as a team to finish with a bang, placing fourth in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Coach Steve Secord said, "The season went pretty well. We are still trying to adjust because we lost scholarships, and it was a hard season, but we did well overall." Freshman John Snead agreed, "We started off slow but, came together at the end of the year to win our last five of six matches."

Even though they had a rocky start the team learned lessons in becoming better players. "They saw that throughout the season they could develop and get better," said Secord. Senior Colin Malcolm said, "I have been able to hit against other teammates that push me to improve. The amount of time put into practice helps to fine-tune the strokes."

With this improvement throughout the season the team came back to play key matches. "Last April we were playing Hofstra and the match was tied up 3-3. It was coming down to my singles match," said Malcolm. "I won it in the tiebreaker (7-5) to win the set 7-6. This was the first match that actually came down to me and I was victorious." Secord said, "We beat UNCW over spring break and that was an important game, because we then beat Delaware and Hofstra the next day, and then Townson. It was a good weekend with some tight games," Secord said.

The team's shared interests helped the team to bond and to become friends. "The team gets along very well. We are definitely like a sports fraternity. We go out to team dinners before matches and have fun celebrating victories at parties. Everyone is dedicated to tennis and schoolwork," said Malcom. Snead said, "We got along great. It made college life easier when you have a good set of friends like the guys on the tennis team." According to Secord the team worked well together even though the dynamics of the team was always changing and different people step up and take leadership positions. "They get behind one another. They cheer and take care of their teammates," he said.

Although this season was not very different from past seasons, Secord said, there were some slight things that made it stand out. "Being my third year on the team I think the overall season for us was a typical one. We battled out for fourth and fifth place at the conference tournament in April. In the early part of the spring semester the team was finding a hard time getting the right doubles combinations and lost five in a row early, but towards the end of the season we won six out of the last seven matches," Malcolm said.

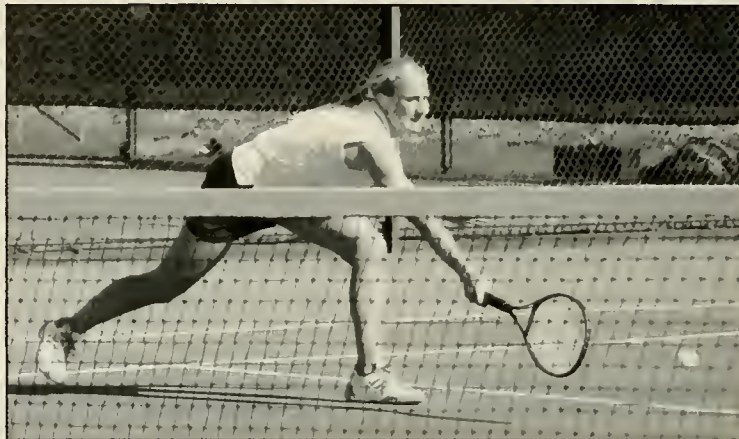
Secord said, "We have good leaders that are passing the torch on to other younger players."

Stepping up for the return, senior Bryan Knehr focuses on the ball. As one of two seniors, Knehr helped carry the team.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Front Row: Jose Acuna, Mike McGettigan, Mike Hendricksen, John Snead, Clint Morse Back Row: Matt Chenault, Craig Anderson, Bryan Knehr, John Alexander Jaussen, Head Coach Steve Secord.





Lunging for the ball, junior Margie Zesinger backhands it over the net. Zesinger was named to the CAA all conference second team. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"Much of our team's success can be contributed to the strong bonds that we all hold with our teammates." - Spencer Brown, Player

WOMEN'S TENNIS

By: Ashley McClelland

The members of the Women's tennis team received the opportunity to not only compete collegiately, but to become more united as a team.

"The greatest aspect of our team is our ability to get along. Everyone on the team respects one another and is always willing to help another teammate out. Much of our team's success can be contributed to the strong bonds that we all hold with our teammates," said senior Spencer Brown. Junior Rebecca Vanderelst said, "Team unity is one of the greatest parts of JMU women's tennis. Over the year we all bonded really well and clicked both on and off the court."

Junior Kristen Veith agreed with the other girls about the team. "Everyone's personalities just really seemed to click. Also, the doubles teams all worked well together and we had a lot of depth in the singles lineup," she said.

"This year it was nice to have a great group of girls that got along and worked hard," said Coach Maria Malerba. She added that, "They are a low maintenance kind of team with few dramas. They are coachable, and all get along. This team makes coming to work everyday fun." Brown said, "Overall, this year I thought we did a tremendous job. A fairly young team offered us great depth and talent. Those who were upperclassmen on the team were great leaders and were able to motivate the team throughout the year."

The season was not all just fun and games. The team had a 13-6 record. "Our conference matches were important games for us. We were fourth and UNC Wilmington was fifth. If they beat us it was a big deal because it determined the seed in the conference tournament," said Malerba. The team managed to beat Wilmington and was fourth in the conference behind three nationally ranked teams.

"I thought we had a good spring. We won four matches by four to three. They were tight matches, but we pulled those out against strong teams. All in all, I was happy with how we did," said Malerba. Vanderelst said, "As a team we improved too, each player was playing at a higher level of ability at the end of the year than at the beginning."

As the season progressed, the team continued to learn and grow stronger as players. "I have definitely improved as a player. I am physically stronger because of our weight lifting program and I've been able to consistently practice with and compete at a higher level. My overall knowledge of the game has also grown and has allowed me to win matches not only through physical ability, but also through mental ability," said Brown.

Being a close-knit team helped them not only off the court, but on as well. Malerba said, "You hope your players are learning something all the time. Winning those tight matches is important. Players can't just win one match and think the team will win. In tennis it is not just an individual match, but playing well as a group is important."



Front Row: Rebecca Vanderelst, Shell Grover, Margie Zesinger, Kristen Veith **Back Row:** Kristin Nordstrom, Spencer Brown, Paige Mowry, Ashley Reyher



Showing the power behind her forehand, freshman Kristin Nordstrom defends her singles match. Nordstrom was named team MVP winning 20 matches. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
0	Virginia Tech	7
7	Radford	0
7	UNC Wilmington	0
0	William & Mary	7
4	Georgetown	1
7	Rhode Island	0
4	Toledo	3
3	Binghamton	4
7	Austin Peay	0
2	American	5
4	Norfolk State	3
7	George Mason	0
0	Richmond	7
4	George Washington	3
6	Delaware	1
7	Hofstra	0
7	Towson	0
4	UNC Wilmington	0
0	William & Mary	5

CAA Women's Tennis Championship

0	William & Mary	5
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tennis player

MAGNIFIED

Rebecca Vanderelst
Sophomore
Ontario, Canada



Statistics:
Singles Spring
Record: 11 of 18

Honors:
ITA Academic All-American
GPA above 3.5
Played at No. 4 singles
Partnered with Kristen Veith and played No. 1 doubles
Attended NCAA Leadership Conference

Displaying her backhand skill, sophomore Rebecca Vanderelst plays hard against the Spiders. Vanderelst was the Dukes number four seed in singles.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"The track season was one of adjustment and growth for the entire team." - Kelly Cox, Head Coach

TRACK & FIELD

By: Cary Bell

The men's track team was extremely dedicated and worked hard throughout the season in order to improve individually and as a whole. Team members were successful at improving their times and overall performances.

The outdoor team participated in the Colonial Athletic Association Championships on April 18 and 19. Many team members got high rankings at the tournament. Senior Eric Braxton placed first in the 400 meter and junior Aaron Lindsay placed third place. Senior Dwight Norris placed first in 400 hurdles; sophomore Bill Meador placed second in the 3000 steeplechase, and sophomore Ted Herbert got third place in the 5000 meter. Braxton, freshman Paul Cawley, Lindsay and Norris got second place in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:15.98. Their relay time was low enough to meet the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America qualifying standard.

The IC4A Outdoor Championships took place in Princeton, NJ on the weekend of May 16. Braxton placed 18th in the 400 meter trials. Sophomore Allen Carr ranked 17th in the 1500 trials and sophomore Evan Kays followed Carr close behind with place. Norris, Braxton, Cawley and Lindsay placed 11th in 4x400 trials with a time almost two seconds lower than the relay made in the CAA championships. The 4x400 and the 4x800 relays constantly placed highly during the season, helping out the team as a whole.

The indoor team went to Boston, M.A. on the weekend of March 8 to take part in the IC4A Indoor Championships. The Dukes tied for sixteenth out of 80 schools. Among the teams competing were Penn State, Seton Hall, Georgetown, Rutgers, Iona and West Virginia. Senior Anthony Wallace received first place in the long jump; Wallace was a three-time IC4A Champion. Other team members also competed well and placed in the championships.

The women's team also made a great deal of improvement, both individually and collectively. "The track season was one of adjustment and growth for the entire team. There were a lot of personal records for individual athletes," said Kelly Cox, the women's team head coach.

The Virginia Tech Track and Field Challenge went especially well for the team. At the meet, junior Jennifer Lapetoda won the 5000 meters in an Eastern College Athletic Conference-qualifying time of 17 minutes, 22.17 seconds. Senior Mollie DeFrancesco finished third in the 3000 meters in 9:42.83, meeting the ECAC standard and it was the seventh-fastest indoor 3,000 meter clocking in school. Also at the meet, sophomore Brittany Williams cleared a personal-record 5 feet 4.5 inches in the high jump.

The women's team came in fourth in the CAA Championships.

Sophomore Tiffany Hall was a CAA Champion in the 400 meter hurdles and the only athlete to qualify for the NCAA Regionals in outdoor track and field.

Bill Walton, the men's head coach, was involved with track and field at the school for twenty years and has shown great skill in helping team members reach their personal goals. It was Cox's first year as head coach for the women's team. They were assisted by John McMillian and Marianne Maj.



Front Row: Sarah Kirland, Jen Buff, Liz Poremsky, Tiffany Cross, Jessica Tusing, Katie Loster, Cindy Dunham, Shehara Chitty, Nelly Anderson; Second Row: Chelsea Henderson, Megan Zemanik, Lauren Gabler, Whitney Dunbar, Catherine Sequin, Mollie DeFrancesco, Claire Wood, Kristin Saunders; Third Row: Lysie Battle, Sydney Binney, Marri Nysewander, Brittany Yates, Cristal Clarke, Kelly Stemp, Lashaunda Jefferson, Germaine Schneider; Fourth Row: Cait Fiochi, Shannon Saunders, Jackie Bryan, Ashley Payne, Candice Gordon, Tracy Towne, Melanie Bryant; Back Row: Lori Gauer, Tiffany Hall, Brittany Williams, Casey Rascoe, Katherine Sigler, Meredith Rothrock, Char Lewis.



Front Row: Alpha Kiflu, Anthony Wallace, Byron Dunham, Kyle Hawke, Phil Acosta; Second Row: Aaron Lindsay, Josiah Cadle, David Bolton, Travis Lamber, John Fraser, Allen Carr; Third Row: Assistant coach John McMillian, Mark Bahnuik, Colin Chapman, Evan Kays, Barry Rodgers, Dwight Norris, Nick Noe; Back Row: Paul Cawley, Ted Herbert, David Miller, Mike Durso, Bill Meador, Ian Scott, Chris Willis.



Rounding the corner, freshman Mike Durso competes in the 1500. Durso was named the CAA Commissioner's Academic Award winner. [Photo courtesy of Athletic Photography]

Clearing the hurdle, freshman Travis Lambert races toward the finish line. Lambert placed first in the 2000 steeplechase at The JMU Invitational. [Photo courtesy of Athletic Photography]



sprints & hurdles
MAGNIFIED

Tiffany Hall
Junior
Ann Arbor, MI



Personal Bests:
55m hurdles--
8.60
100m hurdles--
14.73
200m--26.48
400m--55.91
400m hurdles--1:00.57
500m--1:17.32

Statistics:

CAA Championship:

- 1st place in 400m hurdles
- 2nd place in 1600m relay

Penn Relays:

- 29th place in 400m hurdles
- 34th place in 1600m relay

JMU Invitational:

- 2nd place in 400m hurdles
- 1st place in 1600m relay

ECAC Championship:

- 16th place in 400m hurdles
- 6th place in 1600m relay

NCAA Regional Championship:

- 28th place in 400m hurdles

800, 1500, 3k, & 5k
MAGNIFIED

Evan Kays
Sophomore
Batesville, AK



Personal Bests:
800 (1:54 (R))
1500 (3:51.30)
3000 (8:35.57)

Statistics:

Maryland/PVA Invitational (15:00.37):

- 1st place in the 5000

Father Diamond Invitational:

- ran second leg for the first-place
4x800 relay team

Penn State National Open (8:29.88):

- 17th place in the 3000

George Mason Winter Open (4:09.35):

- 1st in the mile

DMR at the Colonial Relays:

- 2nd place

CAA Championships:

- 15th place in the 1500

Penn Relays:


- ran fourth leg for the 30th-place
finishers in the 4x800 relay

JMU Invitational (3:53.40):

- 9th place in the 1500

IC4A Outdoor Championships:

- 29th place in the 1500 trials

 **DIADORA**



Breaking Lehigh's offensive sprint, sophomore Danny Sheridan defends the Dukes' goal. Five fall season teams advanced to their respective CAA tournaments. [*Photo by Morgan Riehl*]

fall sports

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Shouting through their megaphones, the male cheerleaders lead the packed stands in a chant.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"The whole team is willing to work hard." — Jessica Player, Senior

CHEERLEADING

By: Cary Bell

Head Coach Greg Whitesell was a member of the cheerleading squad from 1994 to 2000. Because he was once in the cheerleaders shoes himself, Whitesell was better able to coach the squad. Whitesell had no assistant coaches in his second year as head coach, so senior co-captains Christopher Glycer and Jessica Player assisted with the coaching duties.

Glycer and Player mainly worked with the Varsity squad so that Coach Whitesell could concentrate on improving the Junior Varsity squad. As co-captains, the two helped pick the team, teach cheers and assisted in organizing cheerleading events and other outside activities.

The cheerleaders worked hard, not only to improve their squad, but also to act as a support system for the school. The men and women on the team practiced constantly to enhance their routines, to raise school spirit and to get students more involved with sports.

With a fairly large squad, it was important that everyone worked well together. The main focus of the season was dedication. "This year has been really good for us. As a whole, we have a positive attitude and the whole team is always willing to work hard," said Player.

The cheerleaders proved their dedication by attending long practices and by cheering at games. The cheerleaders practiced four times a week on average, but sometimes more. During basketball season, the Varsity squad cheered for the men's basketball team and Junior Varsity

cheered for women's basketball. The squads cheered at two games a week and continued with their regular practices.

Outside of practice and games, the squads also participated in a great deal of community service and fundraising for the school. The squads cheered at the Virginia Tech game, which was a big deal to them. They cheered in front of the immense crowd in a huge stadium, which was a great experience for them. The massive amount of spectators raised the importance of the game, not only for the football players, but also for the cheerleaders.



Front row: Ben Parrish, Lauren Townsend, Court Pifer, Tristan Bradshaw, Jessica Player (Captain), Chris Glycer (Captain), Beth Sparrow, Mike McDonald; Second row: Rachel Cohen, Brooklyne Manor, Tameka Fitzgerald, Isabel Ramos; Back row: Kyle Safford, Sean Sommers, Stephen Taliaferro

The cheerleaders perform a complicated pyramid, swedish falls, at Sunset on the Quad. The squad performed at events other than football games, including the first ever university pep rally.
[Photo by Brandi Duck]





Helping to lead the crowd in a chant, sophomore Brooklyne Manor claps her hands. In addition to cheering, the squad performed stunts during the game to entertain the crowd. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



cheerleader
MAGNIFIED

Christopher Glycer
Senior
Woodbridge, VA



Major: ISAT
Concentrations:
Information Management and Information Security
Minor: Economics

Varsity Cheerleader for JMU since spring semester of freshman year.

Honors:
Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society
ISAT Honors Society
Varsity Cheerleading Co-Captain
Dean's List Fall 2000-Present

Just one of the many groups to perform at Sunset on the Quad, the cheerleaders form a tiered pyramid [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

cheerleader
MAGNIFIED

Jessica Player
Senior
Fredericksburg, VA



Major: Psychology

Experience:
Cheered for JMU since freshman year.
Helped coach Stafford Senior High School's freshmen squad and attended NCA camp at UMBC.
Helped Stafford's varsity squad for several years with competition.

Honors:
Varsity Cheerleading Co-Captain

CROSS COUNTRY

Maintaining his endurance, freshman Bryan Buckland breathes deeply mid-stride. The men's team placed first at the IC4A Championships.
[Photo Courtesy of Photography Services]



the stats

SCOREBOARD

Women's

Lou Onesty Invitational	7th of 9
JMU Invitational	1st of 6
Paul Short Invitational	4th of 32
NCAA Pre-Nationals	21st of 33
Tribe Invitational	8th of 10
CAA Championships	2nd of 8
NCAA Southeast Region Championships	11th of 24
Eastern College ACC	5th of 8

the stats

SCOREBOARD


Men's

Lou Onesty Invitational	8th of 9
JMU Open	1st of 5
Paul Short Run	3rd of 33
NCAA Pre-Nationals	25th of 35
Tribe Open	(no team scores)
CAA Championships	2nd of 8
NCAA Southeast Region Championships	6th of 23
IC4A Championships	1st of 16

distance

MAGNIFIED

Jennifer Lapetoda
 Senior
 Leesburg, VA




Personal Bests:
 1,000m--2:59.37
 1,500m--4:37.98
 Mile--4:59.02
 3,000m--9:49.55
 5,000m--17:11.83
 5k cross country--17:20.2
 6k cross country--21:32.35

Honors:
 Colonial Athletic Association Co-Runner of the Week

3K, 5K

MAGNIFIED

Mark Bahuk
 Senior
 Hackettstown, VA



Statistics:
 JMU Open 3rd of 54
 Paul Short Run 35th of 233
 NCAA Pre-Nationals 118th of 238
 CAA Championships 6th of 74

Honors:
 JMU Athlete of the Week
 Colonial Athletic Association All-Conference



Giving advice, head coach Bill Walton speaks with sophomore Allen Carr. The coach said the team ran great races when needed. *[Photo Courtesy of Photography Services]*

"The team did a great job of battling through injuries and other problems." - David Rinker, Head Coach

CROSS COUNTRY

By: Cary Bell

By leading many of their meets as a team and individually, the cross country team proved that their intense training paid off. During the season, the team concentrated mostly on peaking mentally and physically for the conference, and when the time came, they were up to the challenge. "The team did a great job of battling through injuries and other problems, then ran a great race on the day they needed to," according to Head Coach David Rinker.

Coach Rinker guided the men's and women's cross country teams through another strong season for his fifth consecutive year as head coach.

Having lost only one runner from last year's Colonial Athletic Association Championship team, the women's cross country team began the season with a great deal of experience and high expectations.

The JMU Open, which took place on September 20th, went especially well for the Dukes. The women's team placed first of six teams, outrunning George Washington University, the second place winner, by twenty-four points. The Dukes took first, second and third place in the 5,000 meter race to capture the women's team title. After the meet, sophomore Shannon Saunders was named the Colonial Athletic Association Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week. She covered the 5,000 meter course in 19:31, beating 58 other runners to the finish line.

The men's team also dominated the JMU Open. The men finished with 21 points, while GWU placed second with 45 points among the five teams. Junior Ted Herbert was named the CAA Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week; at the meet he out-ran 53 other contestants to the finish line.

On Saturday, October 18th the men's team competed at the 2003 NCAA Pre-Nationals event in Waterloo, Iowa. The Dukes finished 25th among 35 squads entered in the Pre-National race, hosted by the University of Northern Iowa. Herbert was the fastest Dukes runner, placing 71st among 238 individual entries. The race was 8,000 meters and Herbert ran it in 24:38.

Senior Mark Bahnuk was the next Duke to place; he placed 118th in the race and finished with a time of 25:03. The next three scoring Dukes finished within five seconds of each other: sophomore Josiah Cadle, freshman C.W. Moran and junior Evan Kays.

The women's cross country team also participated in the Pre-National Meet, placing 21st in the Gold Team 6,000 meter race.

Senior Jennifer Lapetoda was the Dukes' top finisher, placing 67th out of 220 runners. Her final time was 21:51. Sophomore Nelly Anderson finished 75th in 22:00 and Saunders placed 76th almost immediately following Anderson.



Front Row: Jeff McAleer, Peter Novick, Bryan Buckland, Neil Duffy; Middle Row: Coach Dave Rinker, C.W. Moran, David Bolton, Travis Lambert, Ted Herbert, Josiah Cadle, Mike Durso; Back Row: John Fraser, Mark Bahnuk, Nick Noe, Bill Meador, Allen Carr, Asst. Coach John McMillan, Coach Bill Walton.



Front row: Kira McGroarty, Kristin Saunders, Chelsea Henderson, Lauren Loeb, Annie Devinney, Lauren Gähler; Second row: Jennifer Chapman, Shannon Saunders, Dena Spickard, Laura Noe, Liz Poremsky, Rachel Giannascoli, Whitney Dunbar, Sarah DiCarlo; Back row: Jackie Bryan, Kelly Baker, Catherine Seguin, Ashley Payne, Jennifer Lapetoda, Nelly Anderson, Tiffany Cross. Absent from photo: Cindy Dunham, Claire Wood.

Showing her determination, freshman Jennifer Chapman makes her way along the course. The women's team placed first at the JMU Open. [Photo Courtesy of Photography Services]

"I saw our team come together in a way I haven't seen before." - Dana Weaver, Senior

FIELD HOCKEY

By: Ashley McClelland

While the field hockey team may not have had a great season, this year was a learning experience for them. "Well, this season has been disappointing to say the least. We didn't quite make out like we had planned. It was, however, a very good learning experience. This season put me on the side of the fence I had never been on before, the side where no matter what you do you can't seem to prevail over your opponent," said senior Lindsey Keller.

While the team did not win many games, the games they did lose were not necessarily big losses. "When just looking at our record you cannot say that we even came close to having a great season, but we outplayed a good number of teams that we lost to and there is not a single team that we played that was 8 or 9 goals better than us as some of our scores showed," said senior Dana Weaver. "For example, we lost to UNC 9-1, but we dominated a majority of the game. Our biggest problems were not in our midfield, but on the forward line with scoring and in the defensive 25 yard lines with allowing goals and corners."

The team came away with important lessons learned. "There have been many. To name a few, how to handle adversity; and that life is not always fair; that the better team does not always win; personal and collective accountability, humility," said Coach Irene Horvat. "So often it is said that the sports arena is akin to life itself, however, so often that is just lip service. This fall, our athletes and coaches have experienced all of these life euphemisms in our sporting experience on a very real and personal level. We have all become the better for it."

"Personally I always learn more from a loss than I do

from a win, but it has to do with the things I would have done differently. As a team I feel we started to come together more and one major difference that has just started to appear in some of my teammates in the idea of accountability. This team had so much talent but we just could not bring the best out of each other this year," Weaver said.

Even with their poor record, the girls found success in coming together as a team. "In good times, it is easy for a team to work well together and remain positive. It is in times of hardship and adversity that the true character of a team is revealed. I feel this has been a big area of growth for our program," said Coach Hovart. "We were a little shell-shocked by some of our earlier losses this season, and for many, it was the first time that they were in a losing situation. After a period of looking externally for solutions, we came to a point where everyone accepted that the answer lies in each individual's ability to affect change. During this understanding, I saw our team come together in a way I haven't seen before."



Front Row: Athletic Training Student Annette Aldridge, Janelle Perlis, Team Captain Dana Weaver, Team Captain Alissa Santanna, Team Captain Amy Cordes, Valerie Cohen, Lindsey Keller, Athletic Training Student Daria Oller; Second row: Head Coach Irene Horvat, Athletic Trainer Ryan Hipp, Lori Amico, Baillie Versfeld, Hollie DeCecco, Nadine Bradley, Carrie Smith, Lindsay Coffman, Lauren Hartzler, Assistant Coach Crystal Carper, Assistant Coach Sally Northeroft; Back row: Casey Antinarella, Casey Cahill, Laura DeYoung, Kate Brady, Abby Hummel, Chelsea Garfield, Maureen Klingler, Kristen Sondermann, Ashley Dowling, Heidi Beck, Laura Ptuetz.

the stats		
SCOREBOARD		
JMU		OPP.
1	Northeastern	2
1	Ball State	2
0	Duke	9
0	Wake Forest	6
4	Kent State	3
1	North Carolina	9
2	Virginia	3
4	Radford	1
1	Michigan	9
0	Old Dominion	5
3	Richmond	2
1	Delaware	2
6	Towson	0
1	American	2
0	Hofstra	1
3	Drexel	0
2	Penn State	6
3	William & Mary	8
1	Maryland	2
3	VA Commonwealth	2

Moving down field, Lindsay Keller and Dana Weaver try an attack on goal. The field hockey team finished the season with a 6-14 record. [Photo by Sara Woodward]





Scrapping with her VCU opponent, Baillie Versfield fights hard for possession. Before being recruited for the University, Versfield was a member of the Zimbabwe national team.
[Photo by Sara Woodward]

In an act of teamwork, Heidi Beck and Lindsay Keller rush to clear the ball from opposition. The Dukes fought hard despite their 5-0 loss to ODU.
[Photo by Sara Woodward]



midfielder
MAGNIFIED

Dana Weaver
Senior
Virginia Beach, VA



Statistics:
Games Played: 20
Games Started: 19
Goals: 2
Assists: 10
Points: 14

Honors:
Two-years starter
Attended U. S. Field Hockey
Association's B Camp in Summer 1999

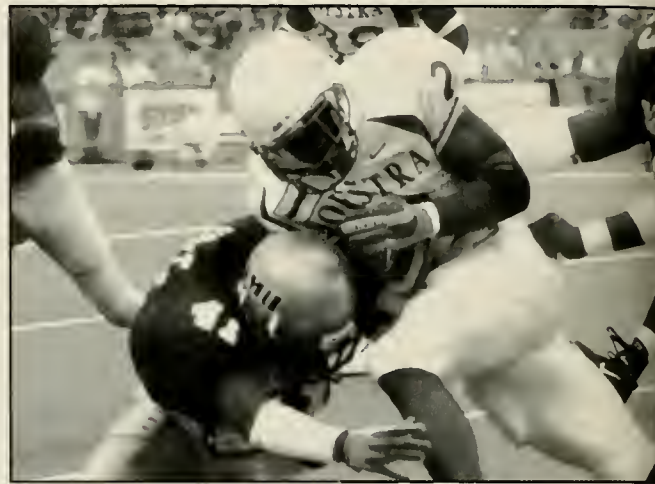
FOOTBALL

Cutting off a Hofstra running back, sophomore defensive back Clint Kent brings down his opponent. Kent helped the team to their first conference victory of the season.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Following his blocker, freshman tailback Alvin Banks finds a hole through the line of scrimmage. Rushing over 100 yards, Banks' contribution lead to a Parents Weekend victory over Rhode Island

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
48	Liberty	6
0	Virginia Tech	43
23	Hofstra	20
26	Massachusetts	31
14	Villanova	38
34	Richmond	14
24	William & Mary	17
13	Maine	20
39	Rhode Island	27
17	New Hampshire	20
45	Charleston Southern	7
24	Northeastern	41

defensive ends

MAGNIFIED

Jerame Southern
Senior
Hampton, VA



Statistics:

Games played: 11
Tackles: 81, 58 solo and 23 assisted
Tackles for loss: 20
Quarterback hurries: 17
Sacks: 7
Fumbles: 2 forced, 1 recovered

Honors:

1st team All-Conference
1st team All-State
Nominated for All-American Candidate
Picked to play in the first Division IAA inaugural all-star game



"This is an outstanding group of youngsters." - Mickey Matthews, Coach

FOOTBALL

By: Ashley McClelland

Heading into playoffs fourth in the conference was an accomplishment for the football team. "We've had a really good season. Our goal when we got to November was to be in the hunt for playoff berth, and we're there," said Coach Mickey Matthews.

The team had a good season, with a 5-4 record, considering the difficult opponents such as Virginia Tech, who is nationally ranked. "Any time we defeat our two in state rivals (William and Mary, and Richmond) in the same year it's a good year," said Matthews. "We played our toughest opponents on the road, and we feel more comfortable in front of our home crowd. We enjoy the students and the JMU world watching us play."

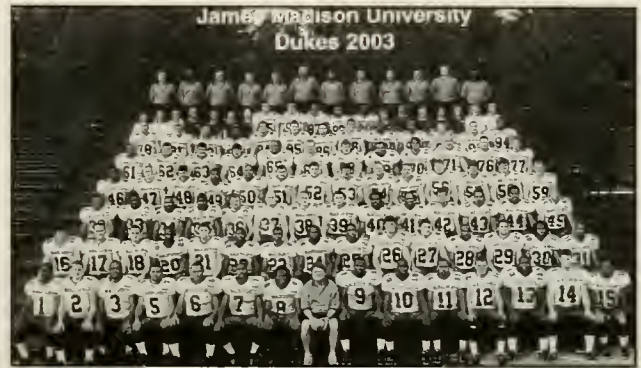
Junior Trey Townsend said, "We were positive about the season. We have a good team, and our chances were good." The team had three strong seniors that helped them along throughout the season. Defensive end, senior Jerame Southern, played in the college all-star game in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on December 30th. "He's a great athlete, his two main assets are quickness and speed," said Matthews. Senior wide receiver Allen Harris, was ranked top in every receiving category the school had, according to Matthews. Senior Melton Dennard, a line backer, was also one of the team's top players. "He's leading the lag ten in tackling," said Matthews.

Strong players were not the only thing that helped the football team do well this season. "We have grown up in several areas. Some of the guys playing for us in years past, because our program was so full of young players, were forced to play before they were ready. Many of them have grown up since then," said Matthews. The team had four seniors, all of whom would graduate in May, and they had 24 juniors.

Even with the team's positive outlook on the season, they said they felt they could have improved in places. "We did not play well at Villanova in the second half, and we were out manned against Virginia Tech," said Matthews. Southern also discussed improving in the Virginia Tech game, "We played hard, but I don't think we had a good game. We could have done better, especially on special teams. On defense on the first drive if we could have made that tackle we could have changed."

The team did learn from their loses. "I think we're competing at a higher level in the fourth quarter which is allowing us to be successful later in the ball games. The games we've lost we've taken to the last play of the game," said Matthews.

Overall Coach Matthews said he felt, "this is an outstanding group of youngsters." Although the team had suffered some tough loses, they managed to win important games for the school such as Homecoming against Richmond, the parents weekend game against Rhode Island, their opener against Liberty, and the away game against in-state rival William and Mary.



Front Row: Alvin Banks, Nic Tolley, Jay Paige, Cortez Thompson, Trey Townsend, Tahir Hinds, Rodney McCarter, Head Coach Mickey Matthews, Shawn Bryant, Jayson Cooke, Antwan McDougal, Burke George, Dennard Melton, Nick Englehart, Jason Mallory; **Second Row:** Matt LeZotte, David Buchanan, Cole Shifflett, Rondell Bradley, Tony LeZotte, Bruce Johnson, Ardon Bransford, Raymond Hines, Mike Mosby, Sean Connaghan, Time Kibler, Antoine Bolton, David Ingraldi, Mike Wilkerson, Leon Mizelle; **Third Row:** Maurice Fenner, Isaiah Dottin-Carter, Pervis Binns, Akeem Jordan, Joe Kluesner, Chris Iorio, Nick Adams, Will Patrick, David Rabil, Clint Kent, Kevin Winston, Justin Barnes, Casime Harris, Isai Bradshaw; **Fourth Row:** Kwynn Walton, Reid Adams, Craig McSherry, Rontate Martin, Marvin Brown, Rob Heath, Anderson Braswell, Matt Magerko, Tom O'Connor, Frank McArdle, Mike VanAken, Justin Mathias, Brenden Summers, Josh Haymorem; **Fifth Row:** Jamaal Crowder, Tommy Davis, George Burns, Taylor Merten, Corey Davis, Ryan Brown, Tim Ross, Harry Dunn, Chuck Suppon, Mike Jenkins, Leon Steinfeld, Dustin Ashman; **Sixth Row:** Trent Bosley, Justin Hughes, D.D. Boxley, Adam Ford, Alan Harrison, Tom Ridley, Brian Vaccanno, Bobby Burns, Tim Smith, Frank Cobbs, Andrew Kern, Ryan Bache, Demetrius Shambley, Arthur Athens, P.J. Smith, Sid Evans, Sudan Ellington, Jerame Southern; **Seventh Row:** Krystle Roach, Laura Parkinson, Justin Jacks, Dr. Mark Miller, Orthopedist, Scott Cook, Erica Shaya, Sara Whiteside, Sarah Firebaugh, Jon Vaughan, Jason Hollar, Jason Hand, Erin Davidson, Cynthia Pagano, Stephen Kelliher; **Eighth Row:** Curt Newsome (Assistant Head Coach), Eddie Davis, George Barlow, Kyle Gillenwater, Amos Jones, Casey Creehan, Darrus Smith, Brandon Breach (Student Assistant Coach), Tony Tallent.

Breaking Richmond's tackle, freshman tailback Maurice Fenner dives over the goal line. Fenner's touchdown secured the Dukes' victory for the Homecoming game. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"They have been going out with a bang." - Carol Green, Player

GOLF

By: Ashley McClelland

With high rankings, breaking records and a good showing at the Penn State tournament, the men and women's golf teams had successful seasons. "We have had a great season so far. We tied a school record shooting 295 in a single round and broke a team record of shooting 900 for three rounds at Penn State," said senior Kansas Gooden.

The women's team tied for sixth with Nebraska at the Adidas Fall Invitational. "As you can see from our recent success, so far this season has been going as expected-very well," said junior Carol Green. "With two seniors that are nearing graduation, they are working very hard to go out with a bang. Jayme Langford and Kansas Gooden have been impact players thus far and only look to get better as we enter our last tournament this fall. We also brought in some good recruits who have posted some important scores. Our ranking just keeps going up and I believe this is turning everyone's heads, especially ours because we realize this team can be about as good as we want to be." Green finished fifth overall in the Adidas tournament.

One of the most memorable tournaments for several team members was the Penn State tournament. "The most memorable match for myself also happened at the Penn State tournament. I set goals for every round and stayed patient in accomplishing them. Fortunately, I played well and shot my collegiate low of four under par for 54 holes. That to me is, and will stay memorable," said Green.

Along with a win at Penn State came lessons on how to succeed. "I think the most important lesson that we have learned happened at Penn State this year. We went into the final round several strokes behind the leaders and we fought for every stroke in the final round and came out the overall winners.

I think that proved to us all that if we want it bad enough and put our brain on every shot, success will come our way," Green said. Gooden said, "We were behind by six shots going into the last day, and we came from behind and won by one. In golf, one shot is very important. We have edged many teams this year by one shot and it helps in the long run with our rankings."

The men's team did well, but some players were not as satisfied as the ladies' team. "I think we have had a mediocre fall season. We haven't had a tournament yet that we have played even near our full potential. Still, we haven't played bad enough that a good spring won't make up for," said junior Barry Londeree. The men's team finished tied for fourth in the Hoya Invitational, their final tournament of the season.

Londeree felt that the Tennessee tournament was his best experience. "I learned that my game is not far from that of players at bigger schools. With the right preparation this winter, I believe I (and the team) have the ability to play at a very high level."



Front Row: Meg Davies, Cami Topper, Kansas Gooden, Carol Green, Diana Meza, Kiley Bishop, Liz Caffrey, Joanna Traeger, Jayme Langford; Back Row: Assistant Coach Duff Meyer, Jairo Irtano, Michael Chupka, Tim Seeley, Jay Lindell, Jason Robertson, Jay Woodson, Mike Yasek, Barry Londeree, Dennis Gosier, Joe Scheffres, Head Coach Paul Gooden.

Watching the ball after tee-ing off, junior Meg Davies finishes her swing. It was the 5th year for women's golf at the University. [Photo Courtesy of Photography Services]





Chipping onto the green, sophomore Dennis Gosier tries to get close to the hole. The team practiced at Lakeview Golf Course and Spotswood Country Club. [Photo Courtesy of Photography Services]

men's stats

SCOREBOARD

Hoya Invitational	4th of 12
Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions	11th of 15
MacDonald Cup	13th of 18
49er Collegiate Classic	9th of 12
JMU Invitational	2nd of 17

women's stats

SCOREBOARD

Adidas Fall Invitational	6th of 14
Nittany Lion Invitational	1st of 11
Wolverine Invitational	2nd of 9
Unlimited Potential/Baytree	2nd of 36

women's golf

MAGNIFIED

Carol Green
Junior
Tazewell, VA




Statistics:
#Tour: 4
Rounds: 11
-75: 7
Low: 68
Strokes: 818
Average: 74.4

Honors:
Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year
Eight top 20 finishes
Played in all 12 tournaments
Earned medalist honors at CAA Championships

men's golf

MAGNIFIED

Jay Woodson
Senior
Powhatan, VA



Statistics:
#Tour: 5
Rounds: 12
-71: 5
Low: 66
Strokes: 787
Average: 71.7

Honors:
Won the Virginia State Amateur Championships for second straight year



Blasting out, junior Barry Landree makes a difficult chip shot from the sand. This was the 9th year of men's golf at the University. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

"Our coaching staff is second to none." - Kurt Morsink, Freshman

MEN'S SOCCER

By: Cary Bell

Despite losing seven starters to graduation, the men's soccer team was able to pull off a winning season.

Inexperience turned out to be motivation for the team to work even harder.

The focus of the season was on communication and quick learning. "We were a very young team, so we needed to adapt and grow up fast, and we used communication to help us through the season," said freshman Kurt Morsink. Throughout the year, the team chemistry improved, which made communication easier on the field.

Only three seniors remained on the team: midfielder Ralph Lee, midfielder and defender John Trice, and defender Rob Overton. These three took the opportunity to use their skills to teach and guide the underclassmen.

In their first two games of the season, the team proved that inexperience was not going to hinder the

season. They defeated Stony Brook 3-0 on August 29th and then beat UNC Charlotte 2-0 on August 31st. The Dukes started two freshmen and three red-shirt freshmen in its first two games of the season. Four of the team's five goals in the first two games were scored by those players.

Freshman midfielder, defense midfielder and defender Morsink was named Colonial Athletic Association's Rookie of the Week after scoring a goal and making an assist on the game-winner against Stony Brook. Freshman midfielder Mark Totten also scored two goals in the Stony Brook game. Red-shirt freshman forward and and midfielder Tom Sochacki, goalkeeper Kevin Trapp and defensive midfielder Mike Tuddenham all started in the first two games.

On September 26th, the team rallied to defeat Florida Atlantic 3-2 at the Florida International Tournament in Miami. Going

into the second half, the Dukes were losing 2-0. They came back to score three goals and win the game. Junior Max Lacy scored two goals and sophomore Danny Sheridan scored one. The win gave the team a great deal of confidence for the rest of the season.

On October 22nd, the team beat Virginia Military Institute 3-0. Trice began the scoring with a goal on a five-yard shot; Totten made the assist for the goal. Morsink and junior forward Denny Fulk scored the final two goals and goalkeeper Kevin Trapp made three saves during the game.

The coaching staff was another reason that the team did so well this season. Head Coach Tom Martin was assisted by Patrick McSorley and David Wood. "Our coaching staff is second to none. The way they have coached and dealt with such a young team has been unbelievable," said Morsink.

Battling his opponent, sophomore forward Chris Naquin gains control of the ball. Despite losing to Lehigh during the season, the Dukes advanced to the CAA tournament.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Front row: Kurt Morsink, Sean Martin, Hart Van Santvoord, Mike Raskys, Bobby Humphrey, Kevin Jeffers, Team Captain John Trice, Sean Young, Trevor Shea; Second row: Daniel Gimenez, Mark Totten, Greg Liebenguth, Matt Glaeser, Kevin Trapp, Brandon Feather, Max Lacy, Ralph Lee, Jon Britton; Back row: Mike Tuddenham, Chris Naquin, Team Captain Denny Fulk, Frank D'Agostino, Andrew Walker, Grimur Gardarsson, Will Sanford, Tom Sochacki, Danny Sheridan, Joel Phillip, Team Captain Rob Overton, Kyle Wise.

midfielder, defender

MAGNIFIED

John Trice

Senior
Signal Mountain, TN



Statistics:

Games Played: 9
Games Started: 4
Goals: 2
Assists: 0
Points: 4

Honors:

Team tri-captain
JMU coaches award 2002
Verizon Scholar Athlete





Racing in with offensive power, sophomore Chris Naquin tenses for impact with an opponent from Hofstra. The Dukes barely lost this altercation, 1-0.

[Photo by Sara Woodward]

In a defense maneuver, sophomore defender Danny Sheridan lunges toward his opponent. The men's soccer team finished 11-6-2 in the regular season.

[Photo by Sara Woodward]



the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
3	Stony Brook	0
2	Charlotte	0
2	Georgia Southern	0
1	Appalachian State	2
3	Howard	2
0	Lehigh	2
3	Florida Atlantic	2
1	Fla. International	4
4	Drexel	0
0	Hofstra	1
0	Towson	0
1	Delaware	1
1	VA Commonwealth	3
1	UNC Wilmington	4
3	Virginia Military	0
3	Old Dominion	2
4	William & Mary	1
2	George Mason	0

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Stopping short, junior Katy Swindells breaks free from her defender. Swindells was named to the second team of the All-Colonial Athletic Association Women's Soccer team.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
0	Rhode Island	4
1	St. John's	0
1	Richmond	1
0	West Virginia	4
0	Virginia Tech	3
1	Cal State Nothridge	0
1	Penn State	4
5	Old Dominion	1
1	William & Mary	4
0	Maryland	6
0	George Mason	1
0	Virginia	1
1	Georgetown	1
1	VA Commonwealth	1
2	UNC Wilmington	1
2	Towson	1
0	Delware	1
3	Drexel	1
1	Hofstra	0



Engaging in a group hug, members of the 2003 women's soccer team celebrate after their 1-0 victory against previously undefeated Hofstra. The Dukes ended the regular season 7-10-3.
[Photo by Sara Woodward]



Fighting her opponent for possession, Bryant Karpinski gets aggressive. The women's soccer team ended with a 4-1 loss in their struggle against William & Mary.
[Photo by Sara Woodward]



"We are young and athletic and will continue to improve." - David Lombardo, Coach

WOMEN'S SOCCER

By: Ashley McClelland

The women's soccer team experienced a slow season this year. "After losing eight seniors from last year's CAA team, we are having a rebuilding year. We are young and athletic and will continue to improve," said Coach David Lombardo.

The lack of seniors on the team made this year different from other seasons. "We have 24 women on the roster...18 are sophomores or younger," said Lombardo. The team has two senior players and four juniors. "This is probably what I would call our first rebuilding year," said Lombardo.

Sophomore Kimi Argy said, "Definitely our lack of seniors [has made this season different]. Having only two seniors versus nine seniors last year is a huge difference. We had a lot of heart last year and a lot of guidance from the upperclassmen. This year we don't have a lot of leadership at all. That, on top of our youth, has really hurt us. Last year when we got in a rut the seniors really pulled us out of it. This year has been a lot harder considering about half of our team is new to the program."

Although the team had a rough season, there were some games that stuck out in their minds. "The most memorable game was probably against Towson," said Argy. "Just because we had been in a rut and we had tied so many games but not won them. This one we came back from an early goal to tie the game and then won in overtime. It was just a relief and a big confidence boost for us as we enter the CAA tournament in the next couple weeks."



Front row: Kira McGroarty, Kristin Saunders, Chelsea Henderson, Lauren Loeb, Annie Devinney, Lauren Gabler; Second row: Jennifer Chapman, Shannon Saunders, Dena Spickard, Laura Noe, Liz Poremsky, Rachel Giannascoli, Whitney Dunbar, Sarah DiCarlo; Back row: Jackie Bryan, Kelly Baker, Catherine Seguin, Ashley Payne, Jennifer Lapetoda, Nelly Anderson, Tiffany Cross. Absent from photo: Cindy Dunham, Claire Wood.

The team had several good reasons for having a difficult season. "We have a very young team this year and we have had a hard time learning how one another plays. I think we have relied too much on our coaches to make that team chemistry develop. As a team we should have taken more control over that and taken more leadership, instead of only one or two players taking that role," said junior Christina Metzker. "I think one thing that was a major factor in our team chemistry in terms of how well we played together had a lot to do with our schedule, for the first half of our season the majority of the teams we played were nationally ranked, or one of the top teams. I think that did some damage to us as a team but I also feel it benefited us in the long run by making us more prepared."

With tough losses came important lessons. "I think the most important lesson we all learned is how much communication and teamwork is important for a team to function," said Argy. "We are really young and at the beginning we were really struggling with leadership and communication. We really weren't playing together as a unit. It was more individuals working separately. Now I think we all realize that one person can't do everything unless we work together we aren't going to win games or be successful."

forward MAGNIFIED

Kim Argy
Sophomore
Oak Hill, VA



Statistics:
Games Played: 19
Games Started: 19
Goals: 8
Assists: 2
Points: 18

Honors:
CAA Co-Player of the Week
Tied school season record for game-winners
All-tournament team at JMU/Comfort
Inn Invitation Tournament
10th career winning goals ranked 3rd on
JMU's all-time list
9th on career goals JMU all-time list
13th on career points JMU all-time list

"We are young and athletic and will continue to improve." - David Lombardo, Coach

VOLLEYBALL

By: Cary Bell

One of the main focuses of the volleyball team this year was harmony on and off of the court. The team recognized the challenge that they faced coming in as an underdog and understood that they would have to work together to reach their goals. "Every position on the court is vital in winning a volleyball game; without a pass, you can't set and without a set you can't get a kill," said senior Dana Jones.



Front Row: Student Athletic Trainer Holly Hewitt, Lauren Ruzicka, Lacy Smith, Amanda Snead, Krysta Cannon, Nora Quish, Student Athletic Trainer Janelle Snavely; **Second Row:** Assistant Coach Johan Dulfer, Bayli Stillwell, Emilee Hussack, Hanna Porterfield, Kate Fuchs, Dana Jones, Assistant Coach Kerri-Ann Grosso; **Third Row:** Graduate Athletic Trainer Catherine McKay, Charly Gaston, Blake Tyson, Head Coach Disa Garner, Ashley Copenhaver, Blair St. Onge.

The team had five starters return from the previous season, each bringing with them a great deal of experience. Middle hitter Dana Jones; sophomore setter Krysta Cannon; junior middle blocker Kate Fuchs; sophomore outside hitter Emilee Hussack and senior libero Lauren Ruzicka helped the team out with their skill and knowledge of the courts.

Four-year starter Jones and Cannon, were important assets to the team, acted as court captains. Both girls played a large part in creating team spirit and togetherness on the court.

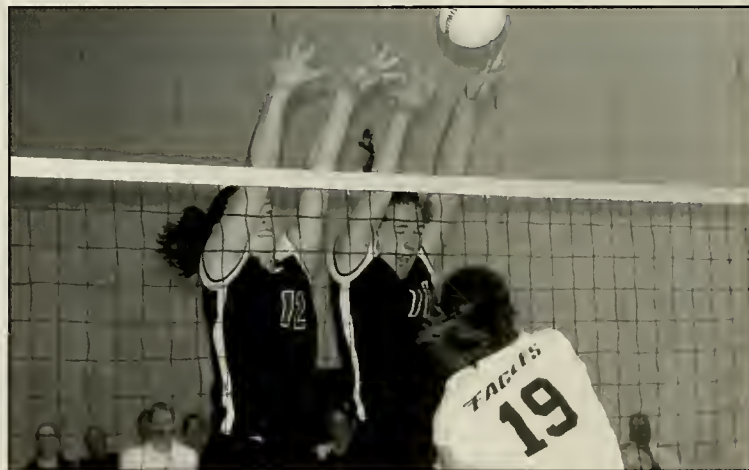
Fuchs and Jones made up one of the strongest middle blocking teams in the region. Ruzicka played a fairly new position called libero; it was the first year that the NCAA allowed it. The libero is a defensive specialist, but is allowed unlimited substitutions. According to Assistant Coach Johan Dulfer, "Ruzicka had a great instinct for defense and is the team's best passer."

The Dukes defeated the Temple Owls 30-22, 32-30 and 30-19 in the season opener on August 29th at the University of North Carolina Tournament. At the time, Temple was ranked 27th in the USA Today/American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I Coaches preseason poll, so the defeat meant a lot to the Dukes and was a positive indication of the season to come. Jones and Hussack had 14 kills each. The 14 kills by Hussack was a career-high and the first time that she had totaled double-digit kills in her career.

The team continued by winning their Colonial Athletic Association opener with scores of 30-27, 20-30, 30-28, 30-26 over Virginia Commonwealth University on September 27th. Jones and Hussack led the squad, each connecting on double-double kills and digs, and Ruzicka had a career and team high of 21 digs.

The girls defeated George Mason 3-0 in CAA action on October 4th. While the team lost to Delaware and Hofstra, they defeated William and Mary 3-0 on October 18th. Jones, Cannon, Hussack and Fuchs were key players in all of the games, each making a substantial amount of kills in the games.

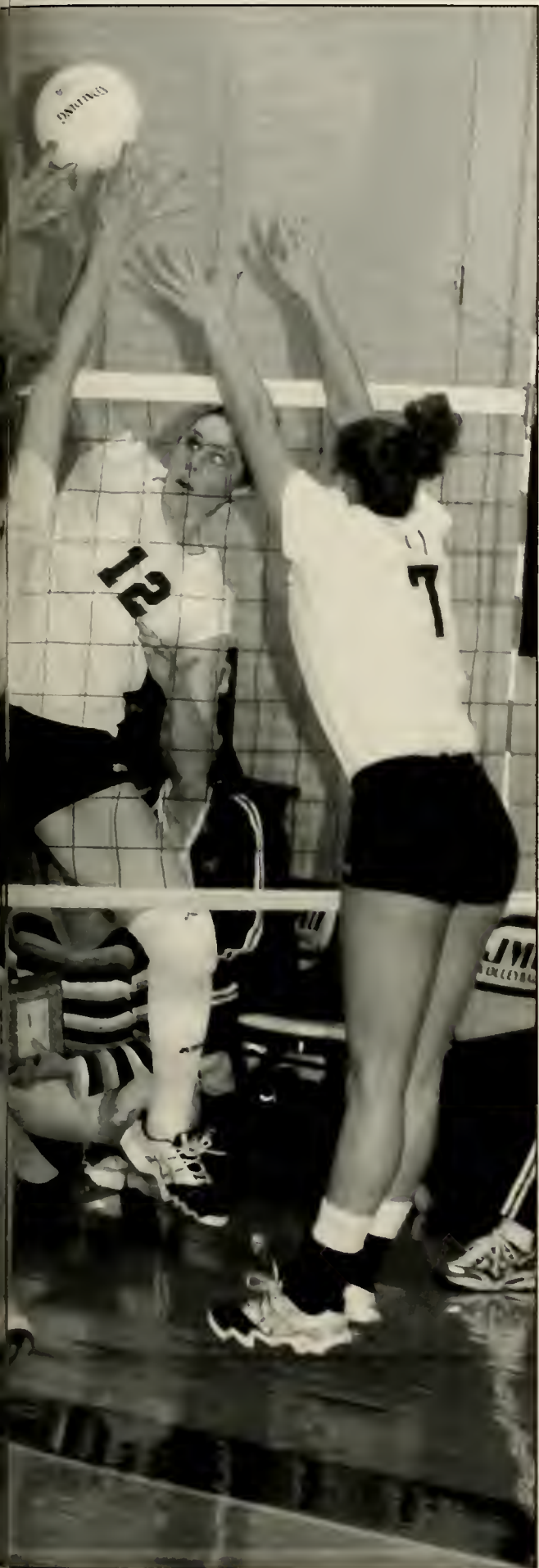
Head Coach Disa Garner led the team for her fourth season. Johan Dufler and Kerri-Ann Grosso who were both first year assistant coaches at the University assisted Garner.



Defending the net, sophomore Emilee Hussack and junior Kate Fuchs jump to meet a defenders shot. Hussack had a career-high 25 kills, helping defeat Georgia Southern.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]





Spiking the ball past her defenders, sophomore outside hitter Emilee Hussack scores a point. The victory put the Dukes winning streak against VCU at 16 games. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Returning a serve, senior libero Lauren Ruzicka leads the Dukes to a victory over Georgia Southern. The match was the semi-final of the JMU/Hampton Inn Volleyball Invitational, which the Dukes won the following night. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
3	Temple	0
0	North Carolina	3
1	Oregon	3
0	Virginia	3
3	Oregon	2
3	Georgia Southern	1
3	Rutgers	0
3	Radford	0
2	Tennessee-Martin	3
0	Western Kentucky	3
2	Toledo	3
1	Liberty	3
3	VA. Commonwealth	1
1	Towson	3
3	George Mason	0
1	Hofstra	1
0	Delaware	3
3	UNC Wilmington	0
3	William & Mary	0
3	VA Commonwealth	2
0	George Mason	3
0	Towson	3
3	Delaware	1
3	Hofstra	1

setter

MAGNIFIED

Krysta Cannon
Sophomore
Cedar Park, TX



Career Highs:

Kills: 7
Digs: 17
Blocks: 6 (twice)
Three game match: 48
Four game match: 57
Five game match: 54

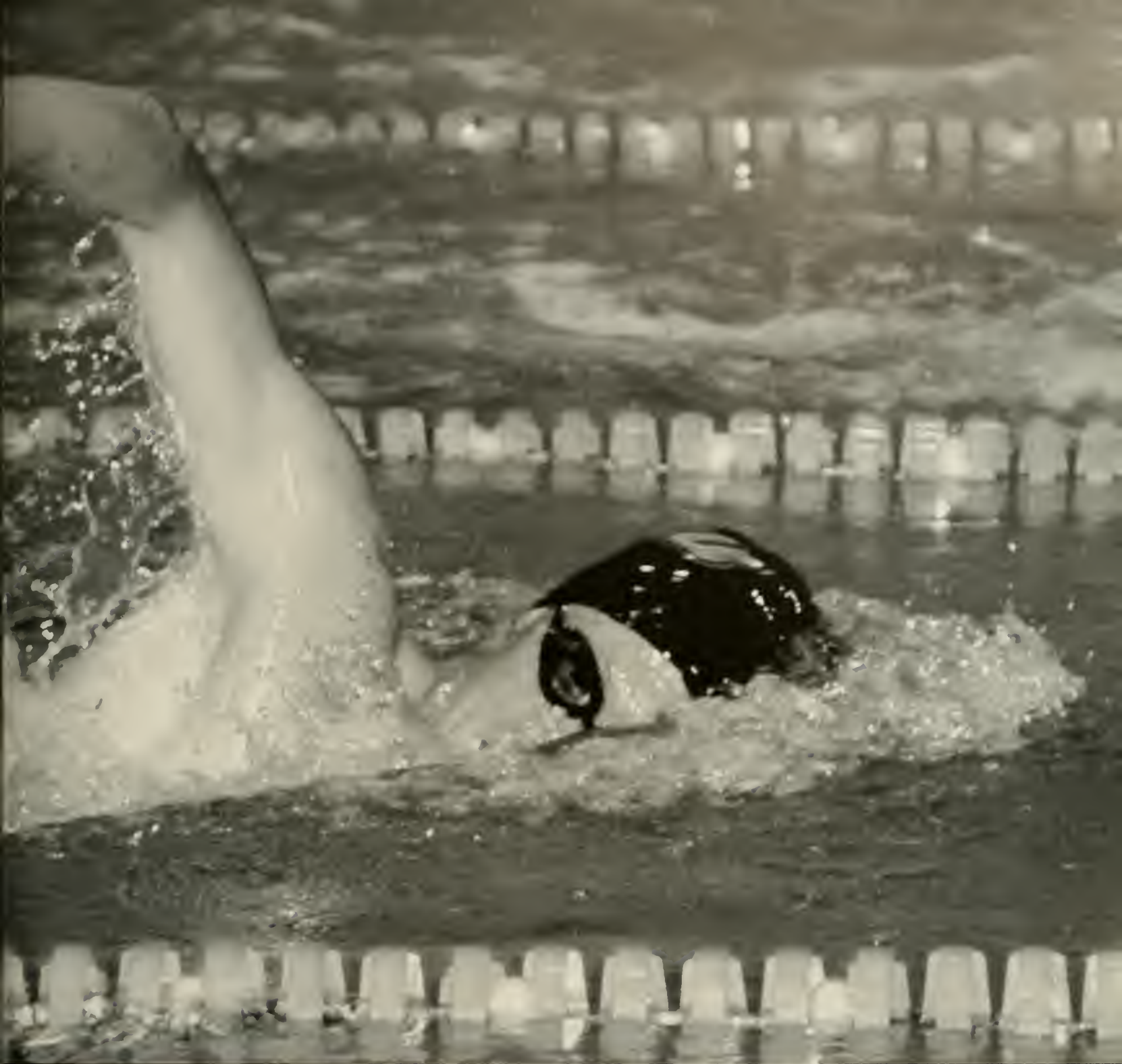
Honors:

CAA Co-Rookie Player of the Year
All-State Second Team
Ranks third on the all-time list for assists in a season
Ranks fifth all-time for assists in a career



winter sports

2003



Swimming freestyle, freshman Mitch Dalton finishes his last lap. Dalton was a member of the state champion 300 freestyle relay.

[Photo by Sara Woodward]

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"Our team chemistry and our confidence level improved." - Sherman Dillard, Head Coach

MEN'S BASKETBALL

By: Cary Bell

With only two seniors and one junior, the men's basketball team was very young. "We had a lot of underclassmen this year, so we started off slow, but they learned and improved every day, and as they improved, the entire team did as well," said senior Captain Dwayne Broyles.

The team's schedule from December through mid-January was a very tough one, with 8 out of 9 away games. "With a young team, in trying to make the transition from high school level basketball to Division I basketball, this made it extremely difficult for us," said Head Coach Sherman Dillard. By the end of January, Dillard felt that the team began to come together and play their best games of the season.

The Dukes triumphed over Furman in the first game of the season, with a final score of 78-72. Freshman guard Ray Barbosa made a strong impression on everyone; in the first game of his college career, he scored 28 points, 19 of which were scored in the first 20 minutes of the game. Broyles and senior point guard Chris Williams helped finish up the game with 27 combined points. The



Front Row: Daniel Freeman, Ulrich Kossekpa, John Naparlo, Chris Williams, Ray Barbosa; Second Row: Brittany Carper, Courtney Fauquet, John Kaltenborn, Denny Hinson, John Marion, Head Coach Sherman Dillard, Kevin Baggett, Mike Blaine, Greg Werner, Hilary McBride, Jacqi Carter; Back Row: J.O. Phillips, Todd Moret, David Cooper, Mike Sheridan, Chris Cathlin, Ryan Brimley, Eddie Greene-Long, Cavell Johnson, Dwayne Broyles, Tony Martin, Chris Beaudin.

first game was inspiring for the team, but it also gave them high standards to hold up to for the rest of the season.

Although they did not win all of their games, the Dukes continued to play aggressively throughout the season. On December 16th, the Dukes went to Charlottesville to play against the University of Virginia's Cavaliers. It was the eighth time that the two teams played each other, but the first since they met in 1983-84 on the Cavaliers' home court. Although the Cavaliers won 90-80, the Dukes proved their talent and determination once again. Virginia had the advantage at halftime with a score of 55-33, but during the second half the Dukes came back strong.

Barbosa and Broyles led a rally that pulled the Dukes to within ten with less than three minutes left, but the Dukes did not get any closer. According to Dillard, one of the most memorable moments of the season was when Barbosa scored 33 points in the game at UVA.

After a few losses, the team welcomed a victory against Towson. The game went into overtime and junior guard Daniel Freeman hit a pair of free throws which won the game for the Dukes. Freeman, the only junior on the team, scored with a rebound to finalize the win. The Dukes won by two points, and the win was just what the team needed to get them back on track.

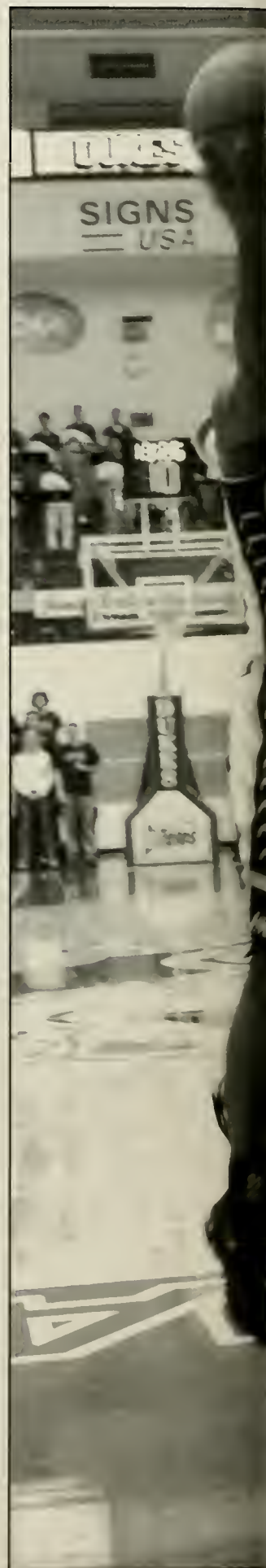
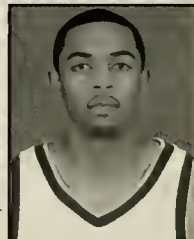
Although the team may not have won as many games as they wanted to, they improved a great deal throughout the season. "Our team chemistry and our confidence level improved. It is a simple matter of young guys needing an opportunity to play on the court, and you can't rush experience," said Dillard.

forward, guard
MAGNIFIED

Dwayne Broyles
Senior
Canton, OH

Statistics:
Averaged 16 points
and 6 rebounds per
game.

Honors:
Captain
55 starts in the last two years
In JMU history he is seventh in three-
pointers (114) and attempts (316)





the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
78	Furman	72
57	West Virginia	74
65	Navy	60
71	La Salle	79
70	Akron	78
80	Virginia	90
73	Florida Atlantic	70
55	Appalachian State	58
51	UNC Wilmington	69
61	Drexel	77
69	VA Commonwealth	77
66	Delaware	80
60	Old Dominion	81
57	Towson	55
66	Hofstra	69
70	George Mason	74
86	William & Mary	99
61	Delware	63
83	William & Mary	76
72	George Mason	64
76	VMI	65
57	Old Dominion	71
56	UNC Wilmington	66
61	VA Commonwealth	92
61	Hofstra	65

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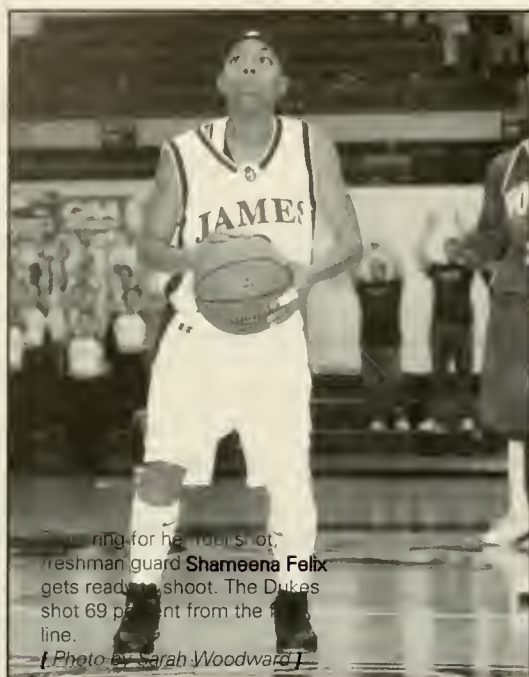
Attempting a lay up, junior guard Daniel Freeman plays against Towson. The Dukes were victorious, 57-55, in a gridlock against Towson.

[Photo by Sarah Woodward]

Poised for defensive action, freshman Chris Clarke tries to steal the ball. Clarke started as a freshman recruit for the Dukes.

[Photo by Sara Woodward]

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Looking for her foul shot, freshman guard **Shameena Felix** gets ready to shoot. The Dukes shot 69 percent from the free line.
 [Photo by Sarah Woodward]



Taking the action down the court, senior **Jody Le Rose** looks to pass the ball. Conference opponent Hofstra defeated the Lady Dukes at home 48-37.
 [Photo by Sarah Woodward]

the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU	OPP.
81	Ilirija, Slovenia (ex.) 63
68	Jacksonville State 64
53	Georgia Tech 60
64	Southwest Missouri St. 82
63	West Virginia 89
80	Winthrop 49
55	Cornell 66
64	Tulane 66
53	Virginia Tech 60
73	Duquesne 58
59	Drexel 61
71	Charlotte 64
73	Old Dominion 75
72	Towson 61
64	George Mason 53
68	William & Mary 71
53	Norfolk State 51
51	UNC Wilmington 61
37	Hofstra 48
67	VA Commonwealth 76
84	Delware 57
54	UNC Wilmington 58
67	VA Commonwealth 77
62	Delaware 61
60	Drexel 56
69	George Mason 85
71	William & Mary 58

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Looking to pass, freshman Meredith Alexis calls the play. The Lady Dukes had five freshmen players.
 [Photo by Sarah Woodward]



WOMEN'S "To win the tough games you have to pull together as a team." - Denae Dobbins, Player

BASKETBALL

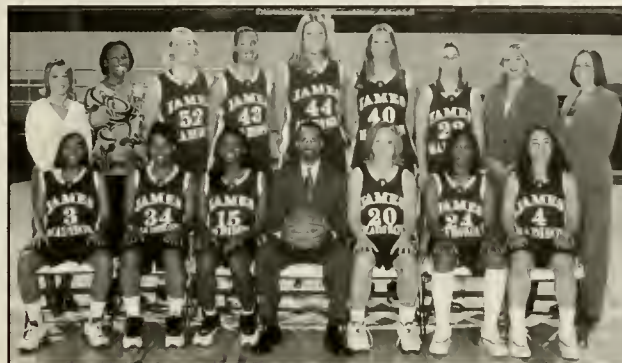
By: Ashley McClelland



Even though the women's basketball season was not perfect, the team learned and grew through their experiences. "I learned that you can't take any opponent for granted," said red-shirt junior Mary Beth Culbertson. "I have learned so much in the few months I have been here. I've learned to post up stronger, rebound better and play strict defense. I have also learned how important it is to stick together as a team, through thick and thin," said freshman Meredith Alexis.

Alexis hit a three-foot jumper to win with 3.1 seconds left in the Norfolk State game. Teammate junior Krystal Brooks tied up the game after she made two foul shoots and the team won 53-51. Besides the Norfolk game the women had a big win against George Mason at the beginning of the season, when they devastated Mason's five-game winning streak.

Alexis said, "Every game that we play is difficult because everyone is coming to play. We have to fight every game whether we win by 15 or one. A game that really stood out to me was the UNC Charlotte game because I think that we really came together as a team after being down 16 and winning by 11." Sophomore Denae Dobbins said, "A lot of the games we played have been difficult, but the game that stands out the most right now is the two point loss we had to ODU at the buzzer."



Front Row: Shameena Felix, Shirley McCall, LaVonne Thomas, Head Coach Kenny Brooks, Jody LeRose, Lesley Dickinson, Andrea Benevenuto; Back Row: Assistant Coach Kim Hairston, Assistant Coach Nadine Morgan, Mindy Sywassink, Krystal Brooks, Denae Dobbins, Meredith Alexis, MaryBeth Culbertson, Assistant Coach Krista Kalburn-Steveskey, Director of Operations Sarah Holsinger

Dobbins said, "To win the tough games you have to pull together as a team." Her teammates agreed with her and felt that the team did manage to form a close bond. "The team dynamic is great. We all get along well together, both on and off the court. We're always hanging out together on the weekends, and we're joking while we play. It's a pleasure to play with ladies that enjoy the game so much and give it their all every time they step out on the court. I think that everyone on the team is highly competitive and not just one person stands out. Everyone is strong in their own area and that brings us all together as a dominant team," said Alexis. Dobbins said, "I think our team is very close--we have overcome a lot this year with such a young team and the bond will only get stronger as the season and years go on. We still have a lot of playing to do."

The amount of freshmen on the team made this season different for the ladies. The team consisted of five freshmen and 11 upperclassmen. "One of the biggest differences this year was the roles that people had to step up and play. People who had not been in the leadership roles before had to step up and take charge of this young team," said Dobbins. Culbertson said, "We are very young but we learn from each game and practice. We made progress. Our inexperienced underclassmen made this season different from others, but we had a balanced scoring attack led by some of our freshman and other key players."

forward
MAGNIFIED

Lesley Dickinson
Freshman
Queens Village, NY



Statistics:
Averaged 16.7 points and shot 58.6% from the field, 57.1% from three-point range and 72.7% from the foul line.

Honors:
Cornell Classic All-Tournament Team
Paradise Jam All-Tournament Team (only freshman named to five-member team)
Two-time CAA Rookie of the Week

"I would not trade my teammates for anything." - Erin Dooley, Player

GYMNASTICS

By: Ashley McClelland

With a two-time Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference balance beam champion, senior Kati Elder, and sophomore Lauren Caravello, a ECAC Rookie of the Year, the gymnastics team had high hopes for their season. "We have had a good start for the season," said senior Erin Fitzgerald.

Twenty-three ladies, including eight seniors and eight freshmen, formed the women's gymnastics team, while the men's team had one freshman and only two seniors on a team of 14 guys. Each member participated in one or more events. The women competed in the floor, vault, bars and balance beam. Floor, vault, pommel horse, parallel bar, high bar and rings made up the men's competitive circle.

Senior Nicole DiFilippo said, "We've been training since early October and things are falling into place more and more each day we are in the gym." During the first meet at Navy, sophomore Peter Conduragis ranked 16th in the country on rings after a 9.050 score. The men's team placed fourth and the women placed third in their first meet against the University of Pittsburgh.

What really made the gymnastics team stand out from other teams, besides their strong start on the season, was their team dynamic. "Team dynamic is not an easy thing to form. It's not an act or contribution by an individual. It's deeper than that. It's taking your love for the sport, your passion for competition, and placing it within your team members," said DiFilippo. "It's having confidence in others and backing them up 110 percent, on both a good day

and bad. JMU Gymnastics is known for our extremely positive and energetic team dynamic. We work extremely well together and it shows out there on the competitive floor. We have no superstars, no MVPs, but we do have 23 women who serve a specific and important purpose on our team. My teammates are my family members, many both inside and out of the gym, and I wouldn't trade a moment of the past three years for anything."

Senior Erin Dooley agreed with her teammate. "In gymnastics we work as a team to succeed and never single out one person. Our team is very close; we are like one big group of sisters who enjoy spending a lot of time together. Not only do we spend about 20 or so hours in the gym together, but we spend most of our extra time outside of the gym with each other. It is like having 23 sisters that are always there for you during the good and the bad. I would not trade my teammates for anything."

The team was not only close, but also very dedicated to their sport. Fitzgerald said, "As a group we want to be in the gym everyday and are always excited to represent JMU at competitions. I expect this year for myself, and the rest of the seniors, to be very memorable and rewarding. With each competition we are in, our confidence grows and our excitement builds. After each competition we want to get back in the gym and work harder to improve our team score."



Front Row: Jessica Caravello, Susan Whitlock, Erin Fitzgerald, Nicole DiFilippo, Jackie Rivers, Nicole Bascope, Jennifer Robinson, Kati Elder, Lauren Caravello, Angela Peterson; Back Row: Ali Niles, Lindsey Ribeiro Amanda Beltz, Natalie Moore, Megan Burda, Allison Greene, Nicole Simmons, Lyndsey Heine, Courtney Ravita, Katie Walsch, Kim Dziomba, Jessica McAlexander.



Front Row: Mike Chupka, Jairo Ireno, Jason Robertson, Jay Woodson, Mike Yasek, Barry Londeree; Back Row: Tim Seelye, Jay Lindell, Assistant Coach Duff Meyer, Head Coach Paul Goodend, Dennis Gostier, Joe Scheffres.





On the pommel horse, sophomore **Ryan Hikel** competes against Temple University. The pommel horse was a solid apparatus that was 115 cm high.

[Photo by Sarah Woodward]

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women's stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
194.3	Pittsburg	185.40
193.85	NC State	185.40
191.35	Rutgers	192.37
188.95	Maryland	195.75
188.95	Towson	194.27
188.95	Temple	189.30
190.35	William & Mary	192.35
191.10	NC State	195.92
191.10	North Carolina	196.72
191.10	William & Mary	192.72
192.02	Cornell	189.92
192.02	Pennsylvania	193.57

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men's stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
190.8	Navy	200.5
190.8	William & Mary	200.1
190.8	Springfield	194.7
188.8	Temple	200.4
188.0	West Point	
186.9	Navy	198.8
186.9	William & Mary	203.3
186.9	Illinois-Chicago	208.6
211.5	William & Mary	194.5
199.7	William & Mary	210.9

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Beginning his routine on the parallel bars, sophomore Peter Conduragis raises himself up. The men's gymnastics team held two home meets during the spring season.

[Photo by Sarah Woodward]

Performing a backwards flip, sophomore Jessica Caravello executes her skill on the balance beam. The Dukes held all of their home meets in Godwin gym.

[Photo by Sarah Woodward]

all-around

MAGNIFIED

Erin Fitzgerald
Senior
Locust Valley, NY



Career Highs:

Vault: 9.75
Bars: 9.45
Beam: 9.95
Floor Exercise: 9.9
All-Around: 38.625

JMU Record Book: School record holder in the Balance Beam and on the Floor Exercise, 3rd in the Vault, and 5th in the All-Around.

Honors:

2002 ECAC Athlete of the Year
Three-time ECAC Athlete of the Week
2001 ECAC Rookie of the Week Award
Student Athletic Advisory Committee
College of Education Dean's List.

all-around

MAGNIFIED

Jason Woodnick
Senior
Germantown, MD



Career Highs:

Floor Exercise: 8.9
Pommel Horse: 8.65
Rings: 9.00
Vault: 9.05
Parallel Bar: 8.8
High Bar: 8.55
All-Around: 51.95

Honors:

Co-Captain
2001 Virginia State All-Around Champion
ECAC Rookie of the Year
Two-time ECAC Athlete of the Week

Coming up for air, senior Bobby Smith swims the breaststroke. Smith competed in the 200 medley relay against the NC State Wolfpack. [Photo by Sarah Woodward]



free, butterfly, individual medley

MAGNIFIED

Mary Webber
Senior
Chatanooga, TN



Stats:

2003 CAA

Championships:

- 2nd 200 freestyle,
- 3rd 200 freestyle relay
- 4th 800 freestyle relay
- 6th 200 butterfly & 400 freestyle relay
- 7th 400 medley relay
- 11th 50 freestyle

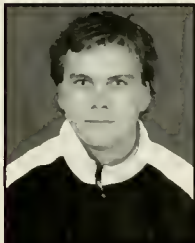
Honors:

- 2004 Captain
- Most Valuable Swimmer
- Best Relay Swimmer for 2002-03

breast, individual medley

MAGNIFIED

Aaron Nester
Senior
Williamsburg, VA



Stats:

2003 CAA

Championships:

- 1st 200 & 400 medley relays
- 3rd 200 breaststroke
- 7th 100 breaststroke

Honors:

- 2004 Captain

women's stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
112	George Washington	125
94.5	Texas Christian	139.5
109	William & Mary	134
Maryland Invitational: 9th		
57	Westminster	51
87	Delaware	153
76	Towson	164
84	George Mason	157
152	Radford	55
140	Wagner	71

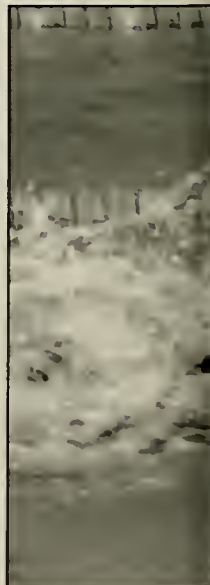
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men's stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
135	George Washington	107
117	Texas Christian	126
127	William & Mary	106
Maryland Invitational: 5th		
509	Florida Atlantic w/ Pennsylvania & Davidson	425
		462
		267
147	Davidson	89
95	Clemson	130
137	Delaware	96
127	Towson	101
102	North Carolina State	134
114	George Mason	127

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"We couldn't have done so much without [Coach Mann]." - Forrest Bassett, Player

SWIM & DIVE

By: Cary Bell

The men's swim team had an advantage this year with a mix of a strong senior class, experienced swimmers and talented freshmen. Head Coach Matt Barany and senior Co-Captains Jeff Hicks, Aaron Nester and Mike Nicholas led the team by setting examples in and out of the water.

The men's team started their season by beating the George Washington Colonials 135-107. On October 25th, the Dukes swam in their first dual meet of the season in Washington, DC. Hicks led the Dukes by winning both the 50 and 500-yard freestyle races and swimming the backstroke leg of the 400-yard medley relay team that took first place.

On November 11th, the Dukes won 127-106 against William and Mary, taking eight out of the 12 total events. Senior Mark Depew helped lead the team to victory, coming in first in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle. Freshman diver Billy Janela won both the 1 and 3-meter boards at William and Mary.

The men continued their winning streak by winning the Maryland Terrapin Invite and by beating Delaware and Towson. On January 23rd, the men lost a close meet to George Mason, but the loss was the first Colonial Athletic Association dual meet loss of the season.

Twenty freshmen recruits were added to the team, making for a large women's team of 34 swimmers and three divers. Head Coach Nancy Bercaw and the team's four captains helped guide the freshmen and encourage the team. The captains were senior Mary Webber and juniors Sarah Jane Bova, Ashley Cook and Christine Filak.

On October 31st, the women's team swam well, but still ended up losing to Texas Christian University in the home opener for the Dukes. The women's last event of the meet proved the strength of the women's team. The 200-yard freestyle relay team made up of Filak, sophomore Megan Loucks, freshman Stephanie Cromarty and freshman Allison Keel finished first and broke the pool record, with a time of one minute and 37.97 seconds.

The women's team also lost to George Mason, however, they came right back with wins against Radford University and Wagner College. The Dukes took charge in their last home meet of the season, beating Radford 152-55 and Wagner 140-71.

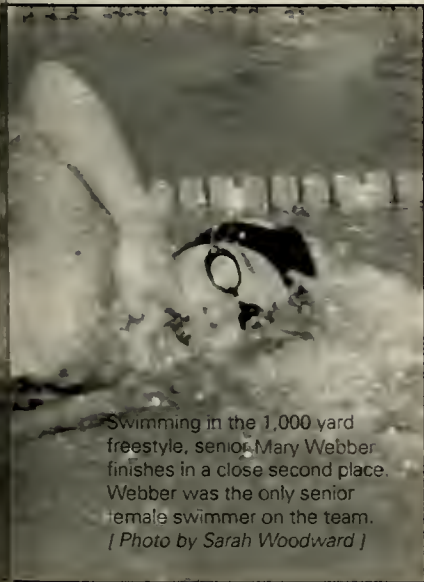
With only three divers finishing up the season, Dive Coach Warrick Mann was able to help the individuals improve a great deal. "Coach Mann has helped us come a long way with our diving skills and we couldn't have done so much without him," said freshman Forrest Bassett.



Front Row: Sarah Kulp, Janel Danchak, Kristen Mertley, Meri Page Downey, Leslie Ju, Erin Merritt, Kim Baguchinsky, Nicole Martinez, Laura Sheaffer, Meghan Funk, Chelsea Cochran; Second Row: Sarah Bolger, Amber Jarvis, Lea Downsborough, Patty Rawick, Mary Webber, Ashley Cook, Katie Rodger, Lisa Haystrand, Christin Gannon, Meghan Tracy, Erin Simpson, Erin O'Donnell, Megan Loucks; Back Row: Diving Coach Warrick Mann, Stefanie Cromarty, Allie Comstock, Steph Andreozzi, Marisa Heluk, Valerie Schoonover, Caitlin Scott, Christine Filak, Jess Jasien, Allison Keel, Sarah Jane Bova, Volunteer Assistant Jessica Holm Dahl, Sherin McGovern, Coach Nancy Bercaw; Not Pictured: Lisa Enders, Lauren Scott.



Front Row: Head Coach Matt Barany, Manager Ryan Hayes, Steven Evans, Brad Burron, David Toms, Joe Moore, Eric McNamara, Jonathan Farrell, Sean Sullivan, Dan Rotach, Graduate Assistant Valerie Oswald; Second Row: Josh Fowler, Mark Depew, Danny Gray, Sean Kerman, Jeff Hicks, Geoff Meyer, R.J. Dunn, Greg Landrum, John Chartier; Back Row: Adam Zurowski, Ryan Gerwig, Aaron Nester, Robert Smith, Mike Nicholas, Evan Carhart, Adam Gatham, Forrest Bassett, Assistant Ryan Hegna.



Swimming in the 1,000 yard freestyle, senior Mary Webber finishes in a close second place. Webber was the only senior female swimmer on the team. [Photo by Sarah Woodward]

WRESTLING

"Coach Elliot could not have done a better job so far as head coach." - Steve Broglie, Player

WRESTLING

By: Cary Bell

Even though the wrestlers had a particularly tough schedule, they had a positive attitude about the season. Each felt that the challenges they encountered helped them improve both individually and as a team. One of the team's main goals for the season was to keep up their intensity during matches, so conditioning was a main focus.

Head Coach Chris Elliot helped the team prepare for the upcoming season. "Coach Elliot could not have done a better job so far as the head coach. He prepared us well for this competitive

season with challenging preseason workouts that consisted of lifting, long distance running and sprinting," said team member and Co-Captain Steve Broglie. Seniors Broglie, Todd Schroeder, and sophomore Matt Coffey were the season's captains. They helped Coach Elliot prepare the team for matches and helped instruct individuals.

The first meet that the team attended was the Slippery Rock University Domino's Open on November 22nd. The Dukes had several wrestlers place in the meet. Junior Justin Gronlie was the Dukes top placer. He posted a major and advanced in the 197-pound division. Sophomore Brandon Scott went 4-2 and placed fourth in the same weight class as Gronlie and advanced to the third-place match.



Front Row: Trainer Ian Rosman, Steve Broglie, PJ Worosz, Jason Chalfant, Mike Williams, Brandon Scott, Matt Coffey, Chris Cvitan, Brendan Whitaker. Second Row: Assistant Coach Josh Hutchins, Assistant Coach Chris Pirsch, Student Assistant Coach Dave Colabella, Zach Winfrey, Aaron Swift, Matt Yonkoski, Andrew Robarge, Keith Adams, Head Coach Chris Elliott. Back Row: Todd Schroeder, Lamont Logan, Jeff Jacobs, Tom Homestead, Sam Yousef, Justin Haedrich, Chris Wilson, Derick Schoenly, Danny O'Keefe, Brian Kibler.

The team was scheduled to travel to Kent State for a quad meet in December, but was unable to participate due to inclement weather.

The team traveled to their first dual-match on December 14th by attending the Northeast Wrestling Duals in Albany, New York. The Dukes lost, falling 41-3 to Buffalo, 36-4 to Sacred Heart and 37-7 to East Stroudsburg. Despite their losses, some of the Dukes had a chance to really stand out. Sophomore Brian Lambert defeated a Buffalo student 8-3 in the 165-pound bout, scoring the Dukes' only points against Buffalo. The Dukes picked up two bout victories against East Stroudsburg. Sophomore Brian Kibler earned his second major of the season with a 10-2 outcome at 141-pounds, and freshman Jason Chalfant scored for the Dukes in the 184-pound division.

On the weekend of January 9th, the Dukes attended the Virginia Duals, a two-day meet at the Hampton Coliseum. Although they fell short of victory, many of the wrestlers did well in their personal matches. Schroeder earned a pair of victories, Broglie and Lambert both won in the Brockport match, and sophomore Derick Schoenly also scored against the Red Hawks. On and off the mats, the wrestling team tried their hardest to come out on top.

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MAGNIFIED

Todd Schroeder
Senior
Wayne, NJ



Statistics:

Overall W-L: 9-20

Duals W-L: 7-16

CAA W-L: 3-10

Maj./T.Falls/Falls/Forfeit: 0/0/4/2

Dual March Pts For/Against: 33/59

CAA Championships:

4th in 100 freestyle

13th in 200 freestyle

15th in 50 freestyle





Holding on to his knee, a Duke attempts to knock an Appalachian State athlete off his feet. In the end, Appalachian State defeated the Dukes.

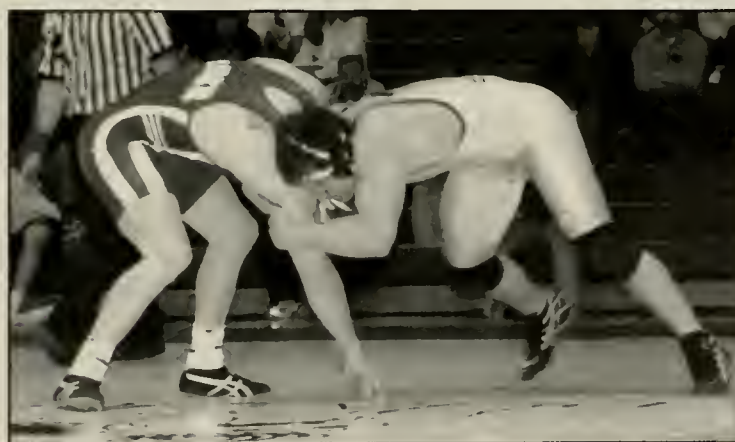
[Photo by Sara Woodward]

the stats

SCOREBOARD

JMU		OPP.
3	Buffalo	41
4	Sacred Heart	36
7	East Stroudsburg	37
3	Drexel	37
9	SUNY Brockport	27
21	Montclair	33
VA Intercollegiate Championships: 5th of 6		
28	Wagner	15
6	Sacred Heart	37
3	Boston University	41
18	Binghamton	20
0	Hofstra	47
0	VMI	43
15	Franklin & Marshall	31
30	Delware State	3
6	George Mason	42
18	Rider	32
3	Appalachian State	34
3	Old Dominion	42
6	Virginia	39
0	Cornell	48
6	The Citadel	43
20	Campbell	27
36	Davidson	13

* due to publication deadlines, some meets are not included



Using his knee, junior Lamont Logan shows his skill in holding off the opponent. In the end Rider defeated the Dukes.

[Photo by Sara Woodward]

Using his momentum, a Duke executes his offensive strategy. Despite their strength, the Dukes were defeated by Rider.

[Photo by Sara Woodward]

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alpha kappa alpha

by Leanne Chambers

Sixteen dynamic and inspirational ladies chartered the Lambda Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority on February 12, 1978. In the 26 years since, the sorority has dedicated themselves to fulfilling their three main goals of promoting scholarship, sisterhood and service to all mankind.

The sisters stayed busy throughout the year with various service projects on the University campus and throughout the Harrisonburg community. "We held our annual AKA Coat Day in October, where we collected coats, gloves, hats, and basically anything warm," said senior Frenita Wilson. "We then donated everything we collected to the Mercy House." The sisters also participated in Adopt-a-Highway and volunteered much of their time and efforts to the cause. In November, the sorority co-sponsored the Breast Cancer Awareness event with Tau Beta Sigma.

The sorority held various social events throughout the year. They held a Mr. and Mrs. Enchantment Pageant on campus

in the spring, which was comprised of a talent portion and formal wear among others. The winners each received a \$100 prize and the runners-up won various prizes donated by local businesses. They held the Club Skeewee ballroom party as well as the Love Jones Poetry Jam, held in TDU in February. In the spring, the sisters held the Pink Ice Ball formal.

The ten members of the sorority met two times every month. Although the sisters held no formal recruitment sessions, they held several weekly events based on their target areas of health; the Black family, economics and the arts. Their events were posted outside of the CMISS office.

By joining Alpha Kappa Alpha, many sisters felt a great impact had been made on their lives. "Being a member of this organization helped me on so many levels," said Wilson. "It helped with my speaking and professional skills, as well as made me more aware of concerns in the community and our society today through our many service projects. I know wherever I will go in the future, there will always be someone to count on."



Performing a rhythmic step routine, sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha take the stage at the annual Homecoming Step Show. The sisters participated greatly with the adopt-a-highway program.
Photo by Sara Woodward

all-girl cheerleading

by Angela Norcross

Founded by senior Lindsey Montague in 2000, the All-Girl Cheerleading team increased its membership and involvement immediately following its conception. Montague said, "We started with nothing and created an organization that has been both more of a success and challenge than we could have imagined." The girls practiced up to four times a week to perfect routines the club performed at competitions and exhibitions.

Competitions were the main focus throughout the year. The Varsity team also traveled to the National Cheerleading

Association National Competition from March 31 through April 4 in Florida.

To compete at NCA Nationals, the cheerleading squad had to raise over \$10,000. The ladies worked tirelessly to realize their dream by holding carwashes, bake sales, raffles and community cheer clinics. They were also involved locally, playing bingo at a retirement home, hosting a March of Dimes run, holding cheer clinics for Harrisonburg Girl Scouts and raising money for families in need during the holiday season.



Row One: Lauren Connor, Aimee Manzella, Jaime Robenolt, Jenni Helmke, Ashley Wilson, Ashley Hevener, Julie Calabrese, Ashley Hartman, Stephanie Waters, Hather Moody; **Row Two:** Ginny Boyd, Amber Galie, Gillian Flewellyn, Erika Tribett, Lindsay Molloy, Krista Engel, Kelsey Griffin, Lindsey Newman, Jaclyn O'Brien, Jenessa Kildall; **Row Three:** Sarah Lothrop, Katlin Bradley, Kelly Hall, Marcella Tingle (captain), Emily Springmann, Brynn Bohren, Lauren Palcko, Ashley Matheny, Carly Heidelmark, Sara Prochnow, Amanda Denney; **Row Four:** Ashley Kulynych, Lindsey Olbrys (co-captain), Meagan Nicholas, Isabelle Baumann, Anna Degen, Amanda Johnson, Becky Turner, Nicole Torrence, Tiffany Griffin, Jesse Giampa, Hilary Lewis, Cassandra Amendola.



Row One: Deveda C. Watkins, Lyndsay E. Gates, Frenita J. Wilson, Charmaine L. Wingfield



Holding the Alpha Kappa Alpha banner, senior Deveda Watkins participates in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk. AKA had ten members in its sorority. [Photo by Kate Sawyer]

alpha phi alpha



Row One: Philip Duhart, Shawn Harris.

by Leanne Chambers

2004 marked the 25th year of the Xi Delta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, and the fraternity worked hard to uphold their motto of "leadership, scholarship and love for all mankind," through their extensive service to the community. The brothers raised money for various causes and national programs and spoke about the importance of community service.

The fraternity held several events throughout the school year to raise money for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial that would be built on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The brothers raised money and awareness for the homeless through their event called

Homeless Night Out, in which they spent the night outside on the Commons. "The night we chose to hold the event was Dec. 4, the day after we had a massive snowstorm," said President Phil Duhart. "Needless to say it was freezing outside, especially with only a sleeping bag for protection, but it was well worth it for the cause."

Durhart said, "I first learned about it in high school and am extremely glad to have become a part of the fraternity since coming to college. I have learned a lot about myself in the process as well as about working with others and becoming more professional. Most importantly, though, I've had a lot of fun."

Alpha Kappa Psi

by Carrie Belt

Raising money for student organizations often provided members with the forum to come together under a unified mission. Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity, had created a host of diverse and exciting methods of raising money ways that could involve all of the organization's members, as well as the community.

"AKP's mission," said President Cheryl Hall, "was to develop well-trained, ethical, skilled, resourceful and experienced business leaders. It was open to all majors, but mainly attracted people with an interest in business." Their fundraising efforts, according to Hall, mainly went towards bringing in professional speakers and sponsoring other professional events, as well as social events such as their annual semi-formals and formals.

"[AKP] provided many leadership opportunities for our brothers," Hall said, citing a lengthy list of community-service oriented commitments, beginning with a tuition raffle in the fall. "The grand prize winner gets \$1,000 in tuition and

there are also other prizes for pizzas and movies and dinners," Hall said.

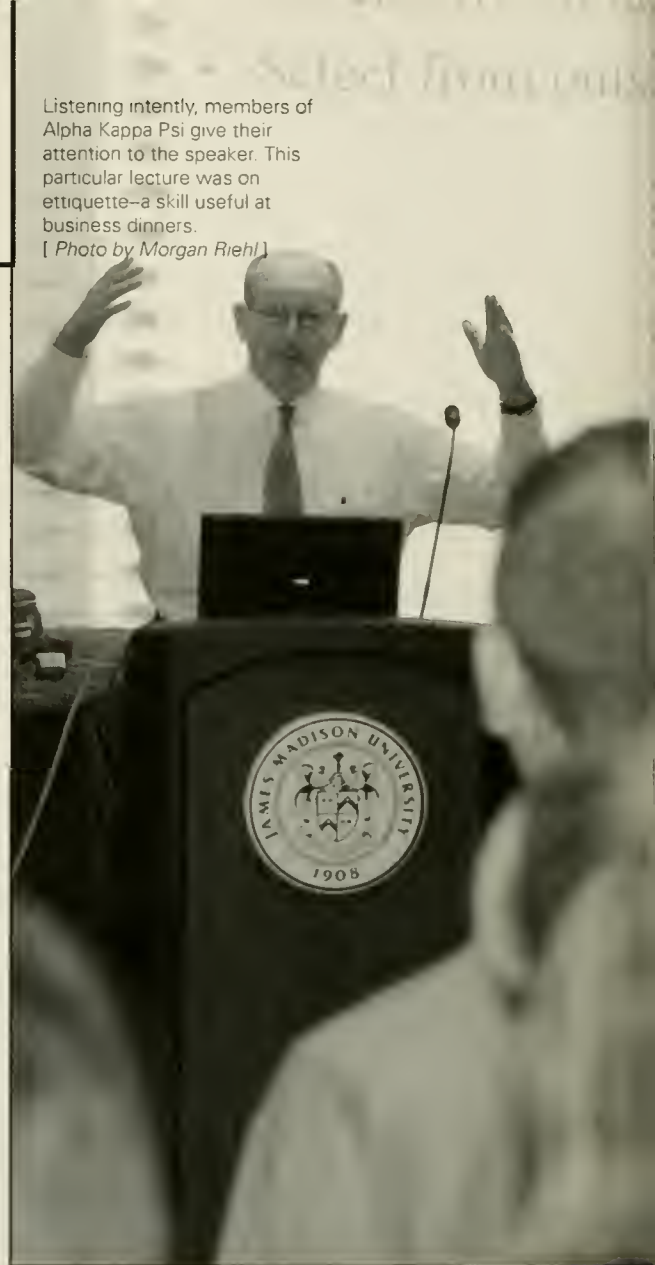
In addition, the organization worked hard to raise money for Big Brothers and Big Sisters and had participated in the Adopt-a-Highway effort to keep Virginia clean by picking up roadside litter.

Tending to the athletic event concession stands was a favorite way for the organization to raise their money. "It required at least 25 people of the fraternity to participate and it was a lot of fun because we all got to spend a few hours together working at concessions and usually we made a few hundred dollars for the evening," Hall added.

In an increasingly global and community-oriented business world, AKP rose to the challenge of educating its members on fun and forward-thinking ways to reach out to the community. All of the members had fun working together to help the organization meet their goals of raising large amounts of money for both the organization and their philanthropic endeavors.

Listening intently, members of Alpha Kappa Psi give their attention to the speaker. This particular lecture was on etiquette—a skill useful at business dinners.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Row One: Juan J. Kuilan, Mike Leking, Sarah Noonan, Marsha Shank (Advisor), Jessica Lane, Patricia Feeley, Nicole Buyalos. **Row Two:** Scott Matassa, Helen Boter, Kevin Carrigan (Master of Rituals), Michael McGoff (President), Cara Murren (Vice President—Performance), Cara Homan (Vice President—Administration), Allison Rowe, Melissa Ayres. **Row Three:** James Reagan, Mark Hornby, Melissa Neff, Amanda Paoletti, Rachel Carria, Ashley Hyatt, Lisa Grigg.



Before the guest speaker's program, Alpha Kappa Psi members enjoy the buffet in Taylor Hall. Guest speakers were a frequent event for the fraternity.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Animal Rights Coalition



Row One: Nicole M. Barbano, Starza E. Kolman (President), Ashley S. Herr (Vice President).
Row Two: Suzanne Garrett (Public Relations Officer), Nathan Rozsa (Secretary), Nancy Dicke (Assistant Public Relations Officer).

The primary purpose of the Animal Rights Coalition was to bring awareness and resources about animal rights to the University and the surrounding community. Through obtaining and presenting information about animal rights issues such as vegetarianism, fur, animals for entertainment, companion animals and various others, the members made an impact on both the University and the Harrisonburg area.

The group held many events throughout the year to promote their cause. In March, they advocated for the Great American Meat Out, where a meat-eater became vegetarian for a day, or a vegetarian became a vegan for a day.

The group came together through their deep beliefs and values. "Being part of a group that cares deeply about animals' well-beings is inspiring," said Herr.

by Leanne Chambers

Club Baseball



Row One: Ryan D. Miller, Billy Valoris, Anthony Venafro (Assistant Coach), Brian Beruete, Justin Klunk. **Row Two:** Sean P. O'Hara, Justin Williams, Andrew Hant, Ryan F. Curran, Brandon Spurlack, Baker Kensinger, Mike Goll. **Row Three:** Ross A. Sandy, Donovan Almond (Treasurer), Mark Tegethoff (Webmaster), Josh Steinberg (Coach), Kevin Rudd, Jon Harrold, Steve Boyd (President).

The 25 members of the Club Baseball team worked hard throughout the year to fulfill their primary goal of attending the National Club Baseball Association World Series, which was held each year in Bradenton, FL. After winning both their conference and region last year, the team realized their goal and won a spot in the Series. Despite finishing short of their expectations in Florida, the team persisted this year, finishing 18-2 in their fall standings.

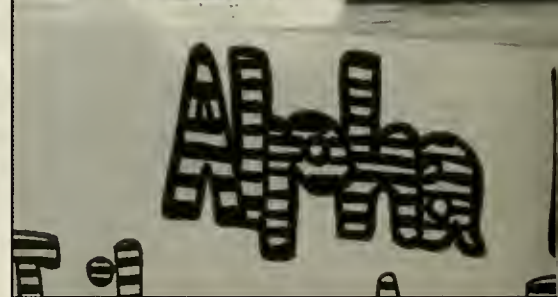
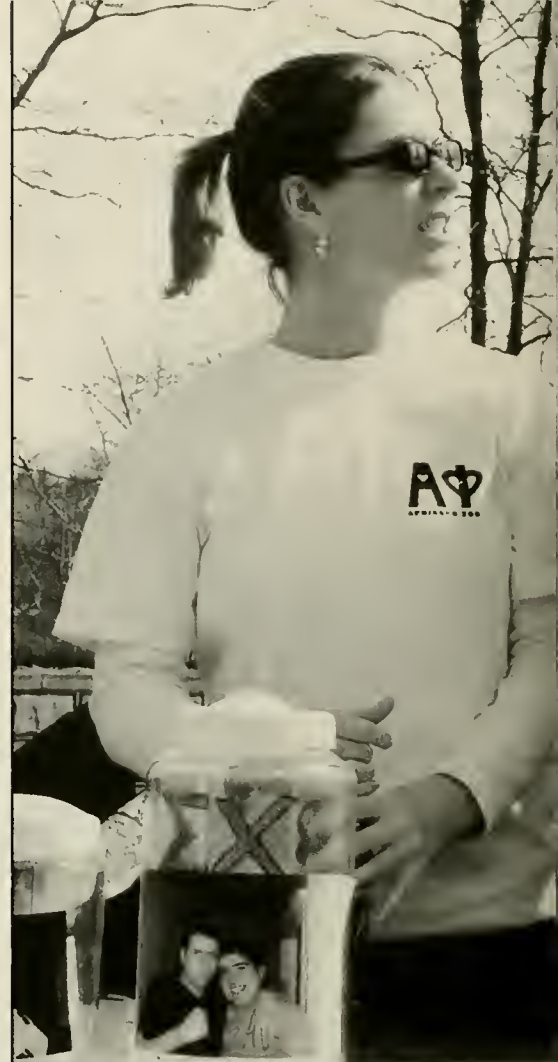
The team held tryouts every semester and practiced throughout the year. Their main playing season was in the spring when they played teams from Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, Richmond, Maryland and George Washington.

Junior Donovan Almond said, "We just liked to go out there and have a good time. The seniors on the team also set a great example for the younger guys and really set the bar higher for the future. It was a great year."

by Leanne Chambers

Asking by passers for money to bail them out, senior Amy Butler and junior Paul Tocco serve their time for A-Phiasco. A-Phiasco was held on the Commons from February 16 to February 20 and raised over \$1,200 for the Cardiac Care Unit at Rockingham Memorial Hospital.
 [Photo by Emily Dursa]

Working the Heart Throb tables on the Commons, seniors Rachel Hager and Erica Drucker discuss the day's earnings. Theta Chi fraternity won the Heart Throb competition by contributing the most money to A-Phiasco.
 [Photo by Emily Dursa]



Chatting on the Commons, junior Erin Walker, sophomore Angela Stellute, and seniors Alissa Cross and Rachel Hager hang out during A-Phiasco. A-Phiasco raised money for and spread awareness of heart disease.
 [Photo by Emily Dursa]





alpha phi

by Angela Norcross

Founded on September 30, 1872 at Syracuse University in New York, Alpha Phi Sorority encouraged womanhood, service, education and philanthropy. With the motto, "Union Hand in Hand," Alpha Phi was founded to uphold the ideals of womanhood, scholarship, service, kindness and sisterly love. Senior Becky Baines said, "In this sorority, the bond of sisterhood is so much stronger than I ever could have imagined or hoped for."

The sisters hosted A-Phiasco February 16th through the 20th, a weeklong series of events to benefit the Alpha Phi Foundation and Cardiac Care. The sisters held a "Jail and Bail" on the Commons where presidents of other fraternity and sorority chapters, as well as some faculty, were in "jail" until they were bailed out for a certain amount of money. Baines said, "It's always a very fun time, and the other organizations are always very helpful." Eighty-five percent of the funds for A-Phiasco went to the sorority's community project, the Cardiac Care Unit at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. These donations focused primarily on

raising awareness of the prevalence of heart disease in women and prevention of the disease. The remaining 15 percent of funds went to the Alpha Phi Foundation to fund nationwide programs. The Foundation worked to support educational and leadership programs, provide scholarships, support community organizations and assist women in crisis.

The sorority worked hard to aid other members of the Greek community on their own philanthropic projects throughout the year. Alpha Phi won Thera Chi's 12 Days Project by contributing the most money and toys among all of the sororities and fraternities.

Chapter meetings were held every Sunday night in HHS. Senior Amanda Jordan said, "Meetings are another great opportunity to see all your sisters together." Throughout the week, the sisters made lunch dates with each other and provided a support network of caring individuals. Jordan said, "When I was a freshman, I was very shy and the organization has helped me to branch out and become very active in other organizations at JMU...Alpha Phi was the catalyst for an amazing four years."



Row One: Amy C. Butler, Rebecca A. Baines, Erin E. Leahy, Deedee Jacobs, Jenn Keegan; **Row Two:** Ashley Austin, Emily A. Conboy, Jackie M. Badalucco, Brittany L. DeLorme, Amanda Gallagher, Sarah E. Kestner, Wendy M. Friedman, Lindsay M. Sweet, Rachel W. Hager, Laura Teets, Megan C. Sette, Jessica L. Tanner, Melissa A. Bellis, Lea C. Woodard, Mallory Wilson-deGrazia; **Row Three:** Becca A. Moreau, Jessica E. Bolte, Michelle Grazio, Amanda S. Lindsay, Amy K. Countryman, Melissa L. Evans, Erica E. Weiss, Jennifer A. Casey, Stephanie A. Green, Jennifer D. Neisser, Rachel Dubin, Erika Davis, Robin Quesenberry, Erin J. O'Neill, Mary P. Edwards, Jessica A. Snyder, Sydnee Lrshin; **Row Four:** Leanne M. Desmond, Meghan E. Hennicle, Charlene T. Fulgencio, Colleen T. Carey, Danielle E. Danko, Sibel Canlar, Christina M. Sloan, Laura E. Earnest, Melissa L. Harris, Lauren A. Barringer, Melanie M. Tan, Heather M. Storms, Erin W. Simon, Kathryn B. Casterline, Alexandra Haase, Jaclyn Scarcella, Hanien Saberina; **Row Five:** Amanda J. Jordan, Jill Zamer, Erinn Bush, Lauren A. Kemp, Emily E. Hynes, Briana D. Mills, Abbee Schubert, Rachel Stoudt, Erin Walker, Ashley Williams, Stacey A. Johnson, Kari Deputy, Kristin Naylor, Angela C. Stellute, Diane M. Wetzel, Julia M. Robinson, Jenn A. Ash, Katie Lucas, Ashley E. Verwers, Katie Raich, Lindsay Bateman.

Leaning out through the bars of the "jail," senior Amy Butler collects money to bail her out. Jail and Bail was the last fundraiser of Alpha Phi's week long A-Phiasco.

[Photo by Emily Dursa]

alpha phi omega

by Leanne Chambers

The members of the Chi Gamma chapter of Alpha Phi Omega dedicated themselves to serving others throughout the year. Based on their three cardinal principals of leadership, friendship and service, the group formed bonds through a variety of activities in the community. The coed service fraternity was initiated on campus in 1970 and re-chartered in 1989, and since then has had a large impact on the University and Harrisonburg communities.

The 70 active brothers met every Wednesday to discuss the various service projects they participated in. Nearly every day of the week offered a different project to take part in, from the Salvation Army after school program to the SPCA to the Bridgewater Retirement Community. The group also volunteered extensively with the Special Olympics, participating in nearly all of their events. "Through volunteering with Special Olympics, I have grown to love active community service and the people I have been fortunate

enough to serve," said senior Carin Mansfield. During the holiday season, the fraternity sponsored several families through the Salvation Army and provided them with clothes and toys for Christmas.

The fraternity also held events throughout the campus community, such as Suicide Awareness Day, which featured speakers and a cappella groups. All proceeds were donated to the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program. The brothers also held special weekends each semester dedicated entirely to service, during which they usually took on bigger projects such as working with Habitat for Humanity in West Virginia or at the Ronald McDonald House in Charlottesville.

"I think being so involved in service has definitely helped me to learn things about myself that I never realized before," said junior President Kerry Keegan. "I've become a different person. I'm more outgoing, I'm happier and I know that's because I've taken the time to help others."



best buddies

by Charlotte Dombrower

Best Buddies was an international non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities through one-on-one friendships. It was done at the college level by matching college student volunteers in mutually enriching friendships with adults with mental retardation.

Members worked with their individual buddies, as well as had social gatherings with all the buddies. "We've had three group outings this semester including a picnic at Purcell Park, a Halloween party and a small party to celebrate all of the new 'buddy pairs,'" said College Buddy Director Emily Graham. However, each

member had the responsibility of calling their buddy once a week and spending time with them. Members primarily worked with residents of Pleasantview group homes, but were also expanded into working with individuals in the community.

The University chapter of Best Buddies started in September 2001. Best Buddies was an international organization that was founded by Anthony K. Shriver in 1989. The organization grew to have over 1,000 chapters at middle schools, high school and college campuses. The international organization worked towards changing and improving the psycho-social aspects of the lives of adults with disabilities.



Row One: Jessica L. Swerky, Dave E. Herr, Melissa L. Doering, Lauren Gardner, Amanda N. Breeden, Colleen C. Powers; **Row Two:** Megan P. Zimmerman, JoAnna C. Mehaffey, Laura C. Howes, Emily Graham, Katelin M. Moran; **Row Three:** Jesseca L. Collins, Lori R. Verma, Jennifer L. Cicia, Heather A. Horan, Christine P. Rusenberg.



Setting the foundation, sophomore David Martin and junior Ryan Eades help on APOs Habitat for Humanity trip. The brothers traveled to West Virginia to build houses for the less fortunate. [Photo courtesy of APO]

Row One: L. Novia, L. Phillips, K. Keegan, D. Wickham, C. Hess, J. Planakis, J. Cicia, **Row Two:** J. Kurbel, S. Bain, C. Mansfield, J. Zavacky, R. Cipicchio, **Row Three:** K. Casper, G. deGuzman, K. Evans, A. Czapp, S. Lawson, K. Bruder, A. Cappelli, B. Elmir, J. Fralin, C. Brown, R. Crandol, S. Hoetky, B. McBeath; **Row Four:** M. Wasaff, L. King, C. Geis, H. Schutz, L. Esposito, A. Berman, J. Chasteen, N. Gleadall, C. Sauer, M. Rutson, S. Hall, K. Jafari, K. Miller, K. Sheridan, B. Morger, **Row Five:** D. Krise, K. Koerber, L. Chambers, S. Ikoud, R. Freeman, E. O'Keefe, L. Desmond, S. Chasteen, M. Sheedfar, R. Eades, K. Mills, S. Thomousen, J. Boman, A. Thomousen.



Wrestling in a baby pool of jello, junior David Wickham tries to tackle junior Kimmy Casper to the ground. The entertaining event occurred at the APO brother party where the new litlees picked a theme and dressed their bigs up in corresponding outfits. [Photo courtesy of APO]

brothers of a new direction

by Kristin Short

Brothers of a New Direction was a social and civic organization built to provide a sense of support and brotherhood to minority men at the University.

The brothers of BOND held weekly meetings in which they would discuss topics that related to African-American men in society. The organization also tried to increase cultural, historical and social awareness through studying not only African-American issues, but issues that affected minority men altogether.

Besides increasing member awareness, BOND held University speak-outs. At these events, guest speakers spoke to their members, as well other organizations

that came to show support. They also held an auction entitled, Chocolate City, each year.

Through the organization's activities and weekly discussions, BOND helped members to grow as people and gain a clearer understanding of society. Sophomore Kevin Branson said, "Being a part of BOND has made me a better person by becoming aware of other people's opinions and other things like that."



Row One: Joe Fraker, Donell Owens. **Row Two:** Langston Turner, Kevin Branson, Janatry Sanders, Tyson Brown. **Row Three:** Bradley Davis, Quincy Jones, Samuel Anthony, Greg Cody. **Row Four:** Abdul Azeez, Jay Cottom, Cory Weathers, Shawn Harris, Martin Ispizua.

Discussing evening plans, sophomore Kathleen Huband and sophomore Carson Walker eat their lunch. Initiation marked the end of the eight week plege period [Photo by Emily Dursa]



Loading up their plates, members of ASA enjoy the buffet at their luncheon. The post-initiation event was held at Highlawn. [Photo by Emily Dursa]



Leaning in for the shot, sophomore Kathleen Huband, freshman Blair Bateman and sophomore Carly Whiteside pose for a picture. After initiation, new members were officially sisters. [Photo by Emily Dursa]





alpha sigma alpha

by Leanne Chambers

Through their primary purpose of attaining social, physical, intellectual and spiritual growth, the sisters of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha strove to develop women of poise and purpose and form lifelong bonds of sisterhood through relationships and friendships. The sorority was founded at Longwood College in 1901. Through weekly Sunday meetings, community service and social events, the 140 members of the University's chapter worked hard to realize these goals. "People definitely walked away from our organization with lifelong friends," said senior President Brianne Carter. "After all, there were only 140 of us on a 16,000 person campus so many of the traditions and sister activities kept us involved in each other's lives and close to each other."

The sisters were encouraged to complete 15 hours of community service activities each semester and were very active in community service by volunteering with

Special Olympics, one of their national philanthropies. Their other national philanthropy was the S. June Smith Center, a private non-profit agency that helped infants and children with developmental disabilities by providing early identification, education, training and therapy. The sorority held different fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for their philanthropies. They also volunteered their time at Sunnyside Retirement Home, socializing with the residents and helping to brighten their day. In addition, the girls became mentors in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and assisted at the Harrisonburg Boys and Girls Club.

Through the embodiment of their motto to "Aspire, Seek, Attain," the sisters of ASA made a great impact not only on the community, but on themselves as well. Carter said, "People older and younger than me taught me things about myself I never thought possible. Joining ASA was one of the best decisions of my college career."



Row One: Katie A. McCarthy, Sharon D. Crane, Mary E. Walder, Emily A. Wyatt, Kendra R. McLean, Drew Davis, Emily E. Lippard, Jaime Tomczyk, Erin Curtin, Lauren Supko, Kelsey Baker, Tiane Vo, Christine Farah, Stephanie Schuhler, Kara George, Veronica Shen; **Row Two:** Katherine Goodfellow, Erin Dudos, Sarah M. Koch, Diane B. Coffey, Kathleen Ferraro, Tracy Hacker, Christina Valenti, Rachel Ingle, Lauren Kalocay, Meaghan Fenton, Palen Roberts, Carson Walker, Kellie Brown, Amanda McKinley, Katherine D. Major, Regina M. Mannino, Jessica E. Roth, Ashlyn M. McKeithan; **Row Three:** Amy L. Baker, Lauren M. Flax, Megan E. Patterson, Kate L. Dougherty, Ashley Powers, Amanda Bivins, Amanda Logsdon, Carly Whiteside, Paige Slepsky, Jillian Kelleher, Maria Navarro, Jane Thomas, Caite Rowan, Natalie Pivle, Brittany C. Moore, Amanda R. Judge, Emily C. LaCivita, Laura Romaniello, Therese M. Muldoon; **Row Four:** Kelsey A. Langlie, Sandy Lantz, Lindsay Tollings, Katelyn W. Kowalski, Lindsay N. Loewer, Ashley Mercer, Kristin Kupetz, Brooke Thomason, Shannon Lillemoe, Elizabeth Landies, Brianne Carter, Whitney Dunning, Stephanie Sappo, Emerson Spicher, Blair Bateman, Danielle T. Bruno, Kristina L. Vazquez, Eileen Little.

After initiation, members of Alpha Sigma Alpha sit down for a celebratory lunch. There were approximately 48 sisters in the new pledge class.

[Photo by Emily Dursa]

asian student union

by Angela Norcross

In 1971, two students of Madison College founded the China Watchers Club due to their interest in China's Cultural Revolution. Since then, the name has changed to the Asian Studies Club, Asian-American Association and finally to Asian Student Union. With each name modification, the purpose of the organization has changed and membership increased. ASU's purpose was to educate the campus community about Asian cultures and advance awareness of that area of the world, in addition to providing support for the University's Asian-American population. The club was open to all students, not just Asian-Americans, and was sponsored through the Center for Multicultural/International Student Services.

One of ASU's most popular events was the Annual Culture Show held in November. The theme was "AmerSians: The Immersion of Two Cultures" and the program presented a variety of acts representing different cultures. The culture show aimed to educate the

audience while breaking down stereotypes about the Asian and Asian-American cultures

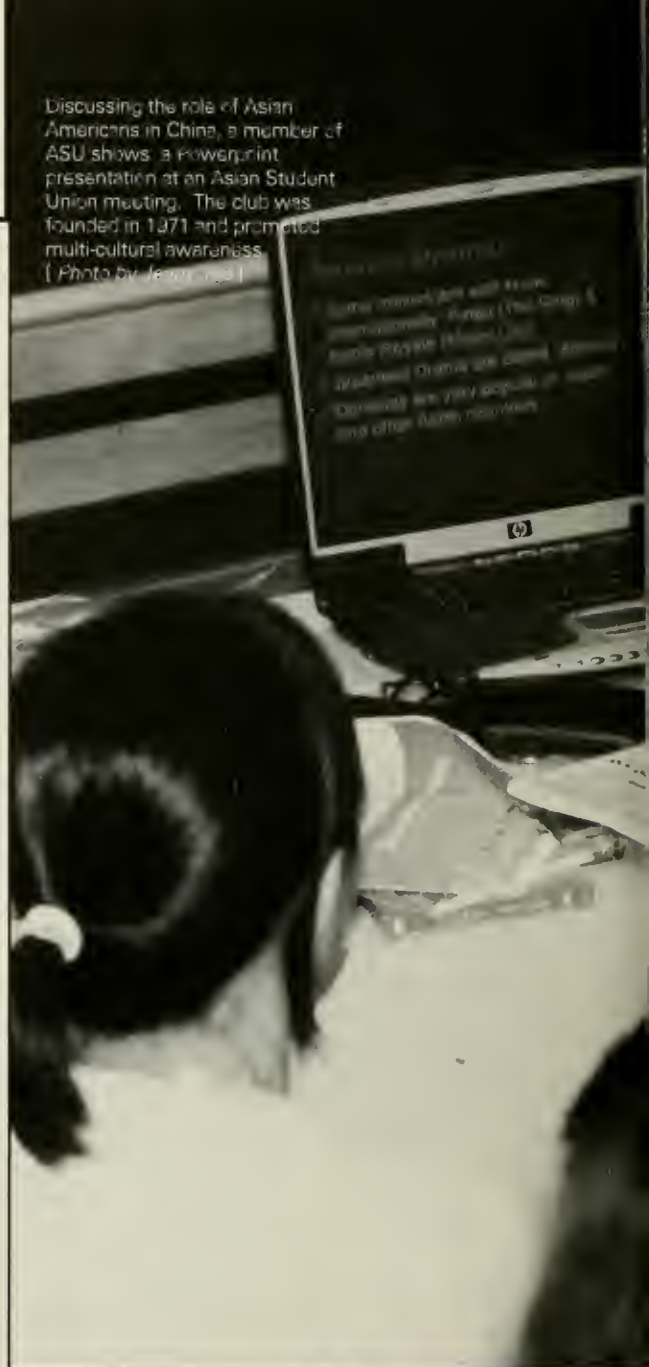
Along with the Culture Show, ASU sponsored Lunar New Year activities in January, consisting of workshops and a semiformal. The annual Asia Pop Workshop in November presented Asian pop music and culture to the University and served as a passport event. Lastly, ASU's sixth annual basketball tournament in March rounded out the many events this club organized and participated in throughout the year. Senior Secretary Carol Nguyen, explained that the events gave, "ASU a chance to express what we are about and gets others involved on campus."

ASU was a community for students with common backgrounds to gather together in comfort.

ASU reached out to incoming Asian students. This gave incoming freshman a support network and got them involved within the organization.

Michelle Jumillas said ASU, "has allowed me to embrace my culture, fight stereotypes and open my mind to new ideas and different cultures, as well as get to know members of other minority organizations on campus."

Discussing the role of Asian Americans in China, a member of ASU shows a Powerpoint presentation at an Asian Student Union meeting. The club was founded in 1971 and promoted multi-cultural awareness. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]



Row One: Sharon Kim, Odyssey A. Lopez, Michelle Sadiarin, Michelle Jumilla, Carol Nguyen, Travis O. Mitchell, Moni Phengsitthy; **Row Two:** John A. Maresco, Uyen Ta, Angie Wu, Christina Hoang, C.J. Ball; **Row Three:** Anand Kao, Sharon Warren, Olivia Chang, Lalivanh Chanthapanya, Jian Jing Shen, Max Sinthorntham.



Sporting Asian Student Union shirts, Travis Mitchell and Michelle Jumilla wait for their turn to speak during the icebreaker for their first welcome meeting of the year. ASU put on shows such as the Culture Show [Photo by Jenny Yoo]





canterbury episcopal



Row One: Jennifer Edwards (fellowship), Mae Condon, Emily Antanitus (senior warden). **Row Two:** Laura K. Minnich-Lockey (chaplain), Lauren Marcum, Scott Gainer (colonel), Maggie Keller (junior warden). **Row Three:** Christopher Carlson, Jon Nein (treasurer), Scott Cohen (Spiritual Focus).

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry provided a place for worship and fellowship and an accepting, friendly atmosphere to the community throughout JMU, Bridgewater, and Eastern Mennonite University. The ministry supported talent, provided friendship, and promoted spiritual growth and personal well-being. Members met for meetings and social gatherings at the Canterbury house. They met for worship at the Emmanuel Episcopal church, which they were members of.

Members were not only dedicated to studying the Bible, but also to reaching out to the community.

They participated in weekly Bible studies, prayer services and Eucharist on Sundays. However, they also participated in community service projects, including leading their own Alternative Spring Break. Members continued to live out the traditions of their ministry including decorating their house with millions of lights each year at Christmas.

by Charlotte Dombrower

circle k international



Row One: Rachel S. Valdez, Heather Forrester, Elizabeth Wenger, Danielle Eisenstat. **Row Two:** Kathleen McKay, Deanna Rella, Becca Rotz, Megan CoHu, Maureen Codd. **Row Three:** Megan A. Kremer, Amanda B. Juhas, Sarah Dreist, Sarah R. Kozup, Joanne Rupprecht, Mindi Westhoff.

Circle K International provided service, leadership and fellowship to students while serving the Harrisonburg community. Members engaged in service of all kinds and were able to help the community in a variety of ways. Circle K helped people of all ages, ranging from working in a soup kitchen and providing pen pals for elementary school children as well as nursing homes to working with children at the Boys and Girls Club.

Members learned the fundamentals of service and leadership through helping out others in need.

Circle K began as a national service organization in 1947. By 1964, it was the largest collegiate service organization on American and Canadian college campuses and continued to grow.

Members of Circle K gained gratification by the appreciation they received from the Harrisonburg community.

by Charlotte Dombrower

women's club basketball

by Carrie Belt

The women of Club Basketball were enthusiastic players, competing in tournaments all over the East Coast, yet devoting equal amounts of energy to their academics and the community.

Their three-time weekly practices were intense and the all-weekend tournaments long, but by the season's end, the team walked away carrying the regular season title, a second place slot in the final championship and three wins against their top rival, the University of Virginia.

The team was comprised of 16 "stand-out" ball players from high school, said three-time President senior Megan Carney. "Many women on the team had the opportunity to play varsity basketball, but wanted to come to JMU and play on a self-run team," she said, citing their enthusiasm and close relationships on and off the court for the team's success.

"Playing basketball for me was a great way to let off some energy," said junior Mary Wilke. "I was playing a game I love surrounded by girls that were so fun to be around." Fun and devotion were important to the team's success.

"Our goal was to have a fun and relaxed practice environment, while still remaining very competitive," Carney said.

"The ladies worked extremely hard to improve both as individual players and as a team," said Coach Robert Walters, a biology professor and former Division Three college coach. "The group got along wonderfully with each other."

In addition to practices and games, the team participated regularly in community and social events, such as Warm a Winter Wish and Relay for Life. "We raised over \$2,000 for Relay for Life and extended our community service efforts by keeping score and reffing local kids basketball programs. For the first time last year, we hosted a kids clinic in UREC," said Carney.

"This is an amazing group," said Walters. "They were not only talented athletes, but also performed exceptionally well in the classroom and were actively involved in many campus organizations...I am very proud to be the coach."

The players, likewise, felt privileged to be a part of such an outstanding organization. Carney said, "When I leave JMU in the spring, leading this club will remain my fondest memory."

Looking past her defender, senior Megan Carney attempts to set up a play. Women's Club Basketball competed in tournaments all over the East Coast.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]



Row One: Dionne Travis, Katrina Sanford, Kelly Flanigan (Treasurer); **Row Two:** Allison McDonough, Nathalie Cooper, Mary Wilke (Vice President), Megan Carney (President); **Row Three:** Kaitlin Porter, Laura Sullivan, Brandi Wright.



Holding a timeout, the women's Club Basketball team competes against Cumberland. The team expanded the number of games and tournaments they played in, allowing the ladies to compete against additional universities.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]





college republicans



Row One: Kristen Timmel, Jessica Gosnell, Joshua Porter, Glenn Bukowski (Chairman), Stephanie Naus; **Row Two:** Michael J. Dirkie (Treasurer), John Leonard, Kevin Brennan (Vice Chairman), Edward Christ, Cory Winter.

The College Republicans spent the year spreading their conservative philosophies and making their views known.

According to Chairman senior Glenn Bukowski, the College Republicans were an active campus political organization involved in advancing the goals and principles of the Republican Party on a local, state and national level. The organization aspired to educate students about the conservative platform that included limited government, strong families, faith, fiscal responsibility, sanctity

of life and Constitutional freedoms.

The College Republicans were active in many campaigns. "For the 2003 November elections, the organization worked on the Mark Obenshain, Brandon Bell, Chris Braunlich, and Ken Cuccinelli state Senate campaigns as well as the Glenn Weatherholtz and Jack Rust House of Delegates campaigns," said Bukowski. In spring of 2002, the College Republicans received the "Volunteer of the Decade" award from the VA Republican Party for the 6th District in Harrisonburg.

by Cary Bell

criminal justice



Row One: Ashley Easome, Lindsay Blankenship, Lauren O'Donohue, Kerri A. Corbett, Laura Anderson; **Row Two:** Meredith L. Berwick (Secretary), Leigh Dahlem, Lisa Kussman, Patrick Bray (Vice President), Avery Butzer, Lindsay Huff.

The Lambda Mu Upsilon chapter of Lambda Alpha Epsilon was a fraternity open to those with interest in criminal justice and was dedicated to furthering its member's education in the field. The organization, which was a part of the American Criminal Justice, was the only one of its kind on the University's campus and was not only open to college students.

The national fraternity sponsored conferences around the country, and the University's chapter participated in

community service events and social functions. "We scheduled time for the group to get together and go to the shooting range," said Anderson.

"Being a member of LAE was definitely a benefit for anyone interested in entering the criminal justice field," said Anderson. "I plan on entering the field of Law Enforcement one day and it has helped me to gain knowledge about the field, as well as practical knowledge such as firearms safety. It has been a good experience."

by Leanne Chambers

Dancing with determined faces, junior Stacey Claytor and junior Kristie Fleming show their moves during the annual step show. BLGC and CMISS were sponsors for the event that drew in a packed house at Wilson Hall Auditorium.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]



black and latino greek caucus

by Angela Norcross

Founded in 1970, Black and Latino Greek Caucus fostered unity and respect among Greeks in BLGC, Panhellenic Council, and Inter-fraternity Council by strengthening social and community service programming. Made up of over 20 members from ethnic fraternities and sororities on campus, BLGC set policies for Black and Latino Greek lettered organizations that worked with the Center for Multicultural and International Student Services.

BLGC unified the Greek community through service projects, collaboration and outreach, and awareness and co-sponsorship within all Greek organizations. They met bi-weekly to organize programs and set protocols. Members

participated in Christmas and Thanksgiving service projects in addition to hosting public speakers and Skate Jam.

The organization participated in the annual Homecoming step show. Their most important event of the year, however, was BLGC week, which featured numerous activities to educate the community, such as Black and Latino Jeopardy. BLGC week also included a field day focusing on Harrisonburg youth and held in conjunction with Panhellenic and IFC. Senior Charmaine Wingfield, club president, said, "I have learned that change is a continuous process and with the help of those with a willing and giving heart, we can create a positive change that can be passed down as a legacy to the students who will step up as leaders of our organizations."



how to start a club or organization

by Charlotte Dombrower

Interested in starting your own club? There were just a few easy steps you had to go through in order to have official recognition of your club by the University. Student Organization Services worked with all clubs and organizations to give them the resources they needed, as well as the recognition and funding they needed to be as successful as possible.

To start a club:

- An organization must successfully complete the club recognition process in order to gain University recognition. The process included attending the CEO workshop series, securing a faculty adviser and completing the necessary paperwork.
- A prospective group must have a signed list of 8 committed members and a committed full-time faculty/staff adviser.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$15 was due with application.
- Students participating in the club recognition would be required to submit an Application for Club Recognition to the Student Organization Services office.

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Row One: Wilvia Espinoza (Publicity Chair), Lyndsay E Gates, Marie D. Rosado (Vice President), Chandra Cooks (Treasurer); **Row Two:** Deveda Watkins (Secretary), Frenita Wilson, Kristin Parker, Juan Hernandez, Renzo Olguin; **Row Three:** Charmaine Wingfield (President), Jose P. Marti, Anshawnti Harris, Chris Carter (Advisor), Charlene Hall (Parliamentarian).



Reading a passage from the Holy Bible, alum Erin Randolph shows praise in front of the church service. University Sunday was sponsored in conjunction with Alpha Kappa Alpha.
[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

• Club recognition occurred once each semester. A maximum of 10 clubs would be accepted to participate in the recognition process each semester. First come first served.

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• CEO Workshops:

Each organization must have a minimum of two representatives at each CEO session. If only one representative attended a session that would count as an absence. Each group was allowed one absence. If an organization had more than one absence they would be removed from the recognition process immediately.

The same representatives did not have to attend all sessions. Ideally, the representatives attending would be the officer that would benefit most from that session.

If a workshop was not attended by any representative, that organization would be immediately removed from the recognition process.

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• The Committee on Club Recognition would review the constitution and ask for appropriate revisions.

• If the Committee on Club Recognition approved the organization for recognition, then the Coordinator of Student Organization Services/Clubs identified the groups for consideration to the Student Affairs Administration and the president.

• Proposed clubs were notified of their status as soon as possible after all workshops and paperwork had been completed.

the bluestone

by Gina Indellicate

Few college-aged people could have said that they were responsible for writing and recording history. Those on The Bluestone yearbook staff however, were able to be a part of such a process.

Entirely student-run, The Bluestone was a nationally recognized publication. Comprised of a staff of about 30, the publication was the combined effort of willing journalists from all different majors. Separating into four sections; features, classes, organizations, and sports, the staff was then assigned to cover certain sections. Even though the yearbook was an annual edition, the process in creating it was yearlong. The yearbook spanned from late April to March. The 400-page book was divided into deadlines that were completed as events and sports seasons occurred.

While photographers and writers worked fairly independently, they came together to work with designers and the editorial board to create the actual design of the book.

Classes section producer, Ali Johnston

said, "being on the yearbook has definitely developed my leadership skills. It also has made me more involved in activities on campus and know more about my school."

Yearbooks were distributed for free to the student body at the end of April. Inside the bound cover was numerous stories focusing on individual students, teachers, campus wide events and changes in the surrounding Harrisonburg community. Sports, organizations and class portraits were also included in the 95th volume of The Bluestone.

Organizations producer Charlotte Dombrower said, "working on the yearbook has given me a great sense of accomplishment. Although yearbook has been a lot of hard work, it has taught me a lot about myself, how to work on a team and what the field of journalism is really like."

The goal of The Bluestone staff was to capture a single year out of the entire University experience and reflect it on bound paper. The Bluestone strove to accurately convey life here in a stylish and appealing way through pictures and text.



Row One: Morgan Riehl (photography editor), Kari Deputy (managing editor), Gina Indellicate (editor in chief), Kristin Short (copy editor), Peyton Green (creative director); **Row Two:** Mauren Doherty, Charlotte Dombrower, Angela Norcross, Jenny Yoo, Meghan Gwaltney; **Row Three:** Geoff Allen, Brandi Duck, Clare Burchard, Jeanette Shaprio, Nathaniel Clarkson.



Reviewing a list of stories to cover, Classes section producer junior Ali Johnston and editor in chief senior Gina Indellicate plan for a deadline. At a convention in Texas, The Bluestone recieved the Best in Show award for the 2003 book and the National Yearbook Pacemaker award for the 2002 edition. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Cropping photos, Managing Editor sophomore Kari Deputy and Copy Editor senior Kristin Short organize spreads for their second deadline. The yearbook was broken into five separate deadlines and distributed free to students in April. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Surprising everyone new to the staff, the editorial board delivers a flower to sophomore classes photographer sophomore Kate Sawyer. The Bluestone was entirely student run by a staff of about 30. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Photographing the breakdancers, photography editor senior Morgan Riehl gets involved in the action during Sunset on The Quad. The Bluestone was printed by Taylor Publishing with the help of representatives Brian Hunter and Glenn Russell. [Photo by Kate Sawyer]

Breakdancing

by Leanne Chambers

Founded in 1997 by Kevork Gaermerian and Josh Rosenthal, the Breakdancing Club grew to over 40 active members with growing numbers of females nearing 50 percent. The club was home to those who embraced all forms of hip-hop. Practices were twice a week in Godwin Hall with an optional practice on Saturdays. President Justin Busacca spent the start of practices teaching newcomers the basics of breakdancing and the rest of practice was spent practicing these new moves and free-forming, which could be described as an improvisational breakdancing. Members also practiced on their own, even in their respective residence halls. Senior Matt Eubank, vice president, said, "My favorite thing about breakdancing is that it is such a challenge and there is always room for improvement and innovation. It's a great outlet from school; I can just go to practice, dance, and hang out with everyone and forget about the week, the day, or whatever

was on my mind before practice."

Breakdancing Club participated in a variety of fundraisers, mostly to benefit other groups on campus. Breakdancing's biggest event of the year was Circles V, which the club hosted in April. Circles was an intercollegiate breakdance competition, but was not limited to college teams. Over 22 teams participated and over 1000 spectators turned out at Godwin Gym. In past events they brought in over \$7000 in revenue which was donated to charity. The Breakers also raised money for the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisonburg throughout the year.

Club members formed strong friendships. Junior Phil Yudson, secretary said, "It introduced me to all my best friends and helped me get more involved in hip-hop culture. B-boying is all I really do anymore, but I like it that way." Eubank said, "After I graduate in May, I know I will always be welcome to break with the club whenever I want. The club has made my college experience what it is."

Row One: Phil Yudson (Secretary), Jamie Vigliotta (Treasurer), Justin Busacca (President), Matt Eubank (Vice President), Geoff Troidl (Circles Committee Chair); **Row Two:** Ryan Vaughn, Natalie High, Jenna Jameson, Devon Paruszewski, Raphael Villacrusis, Hannah Swan, Jules Simmons, Shandon Collins, Lindsay Jaworski, Nick Harris; **Row Three:** Felicia Truong-Brodie, Julie Stoessel, Steve Tran, Megan Castner, Patrick Bredland, Brad Galorenzo, John Eppes III, Kt Beckman, John Telfeyan; **Row Four:** Stephanie Byrne, David Zinn, Daniel Son, Sean Nyhan, Alex Espisito, Justin Hogan, Dan Gruen; **Row Four:** Jason Kim, Winslow Robertson, Adam Bowa-VanDama, Sam Payne, Jonathan Kidwell, Anand Ixao, Nathaniel Dawson.



Performing at Sunset on The Quad, sophomore Anand Kao energizes the crowd in front of Wilson Hall. The breakdancers performed for other clubs and to raise funds for charities. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

At the Student Ambassadors fundraising event, junior Nate Olive performs an invert at Grafton-Stevall Theatre. The break dancers were a crew club that hosted the popular Circles V competition against other colleges. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]





Delta Epsilon Chi



Row One: Lauren McKay, Erin Dickey (vice president of finance), Patricia Ramirez, Kerri Mangin (president), Christine Greis (vice president of administration).
Row Two: Ryan Charest, Laura Carpenter (vice president of chapter affairs), Brian Gist (vice president of membership), Christina Mafale, Jason Storms.

Founded in 1999, Delta Epsilon Chi became an organization that provided opportunities for those with an interest to practice real life business skills. Delta Epsilon Chi was started by five students, and five years later it grew into a coed business organization that welcomed all majors. Since then, they competed on state and national levels. At these events, club members competed in business simulations and case studies in topics from tourism to food services and others.

In February 2003, 23 students in the University's chapter took top honors in the Chi Mid-Atlantic conference at Virginia Commonwealth University. Of the 23 that competed, 16 Dukes were offered the honors to participate in the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. Delta Epsilon Chi was an organization with national and international recognition as a chapter of the college division of DECA.

by Ali Johnston

Dietetic Association



Row One: Lauren Fisher (secretary), Mary Albert (president), Monica Billings (treasurer); **Row Two:** Kristen Hamilton (fundraising chair), Jill Fowler (vice president), Abbe Schubert, Hannah Troester.

JMU Dietetic Association was dedicated to the field of dietetics. Their purpose was to provide professional development of students who had either the dietetic major or minor. JMUDA sponsored many fundraising activities that benefited members of the community that were less fortunate. Members participated in local health fairs as well.

JMUDA was formerly known as the Dietetics Club. The club was a descen-

dent of the Living Sciences Club that was disbanded in the early 1990s. Currently called the JMU Dietetic Association, JMUDA was modeled after the professional association for dietitians, the American Dietetic Association. Throughout the year, JMUDA flourished as a student organization that provided opportunities for professional experience within dietetics.

by Angela Norcross

the breeze

by Leanne Chambers

If something major happened on campus, students knew where to turn: the student-run newspaper, *The Breeze*. In its 81st year of publication, *The Breeze* offered fair and impartial news to the University and community. About 9,500 copies were distributed every Monday and Thursday to over 100 on and off campus locations. Readers enjoyed such popular features as the crossword puzzle and "Darts and Pats," as well as in-depth coverage on some important issues to hit the campus, such as the banning of the emergency contraceptive pill.

The Breeze had 32 student staff members, three full time staff members and three advisors. The staff was basically divided into two sections, Editorial and Advertising. Two staff meetings were held on Mondays and Thursdays. At the meetings, the staff would go over what was going to be in the next issue and stories were assigned to writers. Deadlines were the night

before each edition was issued, Sunday and Wednesday respectively. "Writing was on a voluntary basis," said Editor in Chief Drew Wilson. Each writer began as a contributing writer. After submitting five stories, the writer was then eligible to become a section writer, which entitled them payment of \$5 per story. After attending a staff workshop, the section writer could then become a senior writer and be paid \$10 per story.

The Breeze was a national award-winning publication. *The Breeze* was a Pacemaker Finalist at the College Media Convention in Dallas, TX and had been for the previous three years.

Staff members of *The Breeze* put in around 30-40 hours a week in their office in the basement of Anthony-Seeger for very little pay. "The staff was great because they really loved what they did and were really dedicated to their work," said Wilson. "A quality newspaper would have been impossible to put out if it had not been for the staff commitment to the production. It has been inspiring to work on such a great team."



Proofreading the final layouts, Copy Editor senior Patricia Frenville and Editor in Chief senior Drew Wilson review the spreads before production. In publication for 81 years, *The Breeze* was originally considered to be named the Campus Cat. [Photo by Emily Dursa]

Row One: Jessica M. Lapierre, Elizabeth L. Hamner, Alison R. Fargo, Jessica L. Taylor, Cheryl M. Lock, Patricia L. Frenville, Leela C. Pereira; **Row Two:** Stephen D. Atwell, Lauren M. Kinelski, Drew Wilson, Kyra C. Papafil, Marc S. Choi, Joan M. Massaro, Beverly S. Kitchens; **Row Three:** Steven M. Doherty, Matthew M. Lastner, Bradley P. Richards, Kelly L. Jasper, Laura E. Dean, Adam M. Sharp, Jason Brown.



Reviewing an opinion piece for the next days edition, Opinion Editor, senior Adam Sharp, consults sophomore Kristen Green. *The Breeze* was a 2003 ACP Newspaper Pacemaker Finalist [Photo by Emily Dursa]





Engaged in their individual tasks, News Editors senior Toni Duncan, sophomore Kelly Jasper, Graphics Editor senior Marc Oho, and Assistant News Editor sophomore Stephen Atwell scramble to maintain the chaos. The Breeze was printed bi-weekly, Mondays and Thursdays. [Photo by Emily Dursa]



Inspecting negatives, Photo Editor senior Laura Dean selects the front page photo. The Breeze was completely student edited. [Photo by Emily Dursa]

campus assault response

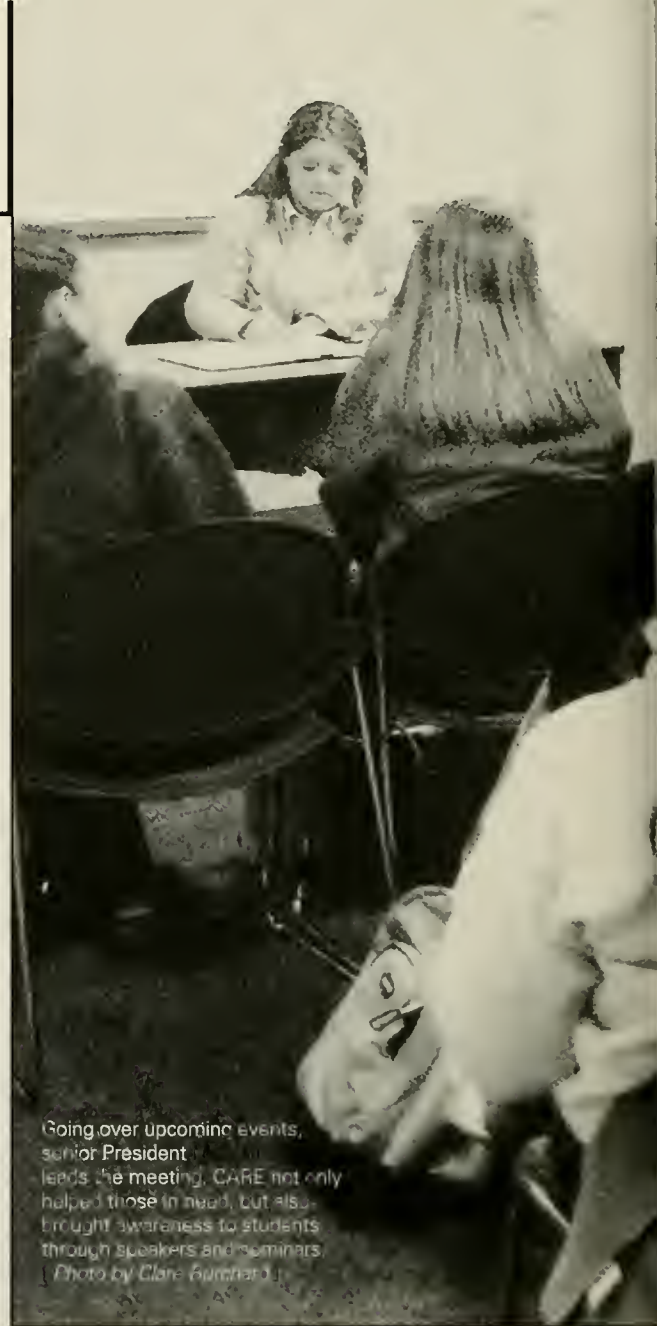
by Angela Norcross

A sexual assault help line ran 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by student volunteers. These extraordinary and willing individuals completed over 30 hours of training to help those who called. The help line was run on a pager system, requiring the caller to leave their phone number via voicemail. A Campus Assault Response member with the pager then received the page, checked the voicemail and contacted the person within fifteen minutes. Being on-call meant CARE members had to have quick access to a private room and phone. When a call came through, CARE staff put their lives on hold to salvage the life of a sexual assault victim.

CARE strove to provide support for victims of sexual assault. Senior Sara Black said, "I like to think we serve as a support system for those affected, and also as liaisons to the JMU community for spreading the word and educating students on the affects of sexual assault and rape."

Participants became knowledgeable in proving the horror of sexual assault to the community. Throughout the year, CARE gave presentations to Greek Life, Residence Life, Orientation Staff, and several other campus organizations to increase awareness of sexual assault and rape. Senior Kristin Damiano, treasurer, discussed the role of CARE's presentations, calling them, "my favorite part of what we do because of the immediate impact you can make, just by stating the facts."

CARE also presented 'Rape Is Not Sex' at Grafton-Stovall theatre on October 20th. It served as a wellness passport event to educate and increase awareness of sexual assault. Members of the organization performed skits, read poems by victims of sexual assault and stated the startling statistics to an attentive audience. The program addressed myths and misconceptions regarding sexual assault and victims talked about their first-hand experiences. Senior Melissa Duffley, president of CARE said, "We all enjoy getting on stage and educating the campus. We have a good time doing it."



Going over upcoming events, senior President leads the meeting. CARE not only helped those in need, but also brought awareness to students through speakers and seminars. (Photo by Clare Furchat)

flight club

by Angela Norcross

If you ever saw a tiny plane flying high over the quad early in the morning, a Flight Club member might have been at the controls. Every Saturday morning, the club gathered at the regional airport and went soaring into the sky with licensed pilots. Students had the opportunity to take the controls for a bit and each group flew for approximately an hour. The club also held a fundraiser at Grafton-Stovall in the spring where "Top Gun" was shown.

Andrew Henderson, a student who has since transferred to another university to earn his flight degree, founded the Flight Club two years ago. Many of its members had dreamed of piloting a

plane at some point during their lives, and the Flight Club made this possible. Junior Candace Turitto said, "When I saw flyers for Flight Club it seemed to be a calling that the time had come...I got my license about six months later and have been flying ever since."

Senior Dan Kraus said, "The Flight Club has been a great experience for me. It helps to get connected with other people who have a passion for flying." Turitto said, "To graduate from JMU with a degree is extremely rewarding, but being able to do so with stories of flying an airplane only adds a fresh and exciting new look to anyone's time at JMU."



Row One: Candace M. Turitto (Public Relations), John P. Varona, Kiki Holl (Historian/Secretary), Rachel Posner, Andrea Holden; **Row Two:** Daniel R. Kraus, Joshua R. Tarkington (Vice-President), Daniel X. O'Neill, Gary R. Smith (Treasurer), Andrew Rozier-Smolen (President).



Row One: Kristin Damiano (Treasurer), Dana Seltzer (Helpline and Training Coordinator), Sara Black (Presentations Coordinator), Melissa Diffley (President); **Row Two:** Ashley Middleton, Erin Blevins, Tiffany Tomlinson, Erin Curley, Marybeth McNamara, Kara Farley, Jessica Begley; **Row Three:** Bridget Allen, Ashley Bullard, Erica Drucker, Rachel Steinberg, Patty Huber, Cardlyn Pugliese, Samantha Mack, Rebecca Lajoie, Emily Oltara



Putting her name on the list, junior Rebecca Lajoie signs up to help with an event. CARE took part in Relay for Life and other fundraisers on and around campus.

[Photo by Clare Burchard]

flute club



Row One: Ashley Watkins, Jen Kim, Kelley Dugal (President), Heather Smith; **Row Two:** Lindsay J. Carr, Sheryl L. Swenson, Jesse Argenziano, Tanya Davis (Treasurer), Claire Bennefeld, Erin Cooper (Secretary); **Row Three:** Sarah Y. Anderson, Lindsay Smigelski, Sarah Frank, Cassie Turek (Vice President), Caroline K. Lilley.

by Angela Norcross

The Flute Club was one of the oldest of its kind in the United States and was a chapter of the National Flute Association. It supported the Flute Studio and Flute Choir, affiliated with the School of Music, through fundraising, educational and social opportunities for the campus, community and Commonwealth of Virginia. Membership was open to music majors and non-music majors alike as long as they possessed a love for the flute.

Primary functions of the club were to sponsor guest artists, concerts, lectures and master classes. These were usually open to both students and the local community. Flute Fling, however, was

the Flute Club's principal achievement. The annual event was hosted Saturday, March 20th by the club. Middle and high school flute students, teachers and flute lovers participated in the program. The day consisted of workshops, master classes, and concerts including the Flute Choir and student soloists from the School of Music. Beth Chandler, a flute professor, also played a faculty recital for Flute Fling participants.

The club was an integral part of the school of music and opened many opportunities to flute music majors. President Kelley Dugal said, "I'm a flute major and everyone does it. It's a great group to be a part of."

christian student union

by Leanne Chambers

This year marked the first year of The Christian Student Union's existence. Formerly known for several decades as The Baptist Student Union, the change reflected the desire to minister to all denominations. "CSU is trying to focus more on outreach this year, -more so than in the past," said Senior President Amanda Hayes. "We are trying to get our name out there on campus. Because there are so many other Christian groups on campus, which is wonderful, we feel that we are not well known to students and want to change that." The group set up a table at Student Organization Night, stuffed mailboxes, had an information table on the Commons in November and held an ice cream social in the Village at the beginning of the year as a way to get their name out on campus and recruit new members. They also held a concert by the Christian band The Gathering at the

CSU house in the fall.

The members of CSU sought to show God's love to the campus and Harrisonburg community through weekly praise and worship, as well as bible studies, community service and fellowship with each other. "We did several community service projects such as concessions, collecting old cell phones on the Commons, and Trax for Max, which is a hike for charity," said Outreach Director Lauren Cochenour. The 25 members gathered weekly to grow in their faith with each other. "We hung out together a lot as a group," said Cochenour. "We went to the movies, had dinner, and held dances, which were all a lot of fun and a great way for us to grow together as a group."

The members of the group found its impact on their lives profound. "It was a great experience to be able to gather with other Christians and worship God because everyone was there for the same reason," said Cochenour. Hayes agreed, "Becoming a part of CSU my freshman year was one of the best things to happen to me. Through CSU, my faith in God has only gotten stronger."

Row One: Stephanie Moore, Katie Sprinkel, Rebekah Deeds, Lauren Cochenour, Miranda Baines; **Row Two:** Meagan Nicholas (vice president), Amanda Hayes (president), Joe Carr (service director), Dustin Moyer, Derek Mullins (worship director), Mary Breault (communications director).



Students sing together at the special praise and worship service hosted by the Christian Student Union. The service was open to all Christian groups.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

Playing guitar, Will Parone sings a song for the praise and worship service hosted by the Christian Student Union. Parone was part of the praise band, The Gathering from Vienna, VA.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]





hidden mountain bujinkan shibu



Row One: Matt Hepburn, Lindsey Wilson, Kyle Engan, Sean Elsasser. **Row Two:** John Blackman, Ross Haynes, Thato Schaeffer (president) **Row Three:** Scott D. Young, Daniel Karras, Daniel Collier, Gregory Skotzko.

The Hidden Mountain Bujinkan Shibu is a martial arts group that works to find the sanctity of life and the responsibility one has to preserve and protect it. Members train with various armed and unarmed techniques using traditional Japanese as well as modern weapons. Members learn to protect those whom they love, fellow human beings and themselves. Their motto is "We live to

love, we train to live."

The Budo Taijutsu club was formed in the fall of 2000 by an informal group of students who trained in the fundamentals of Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu. In the spring of 2003, the club began being recognized by the University. The club continued to contain a group of dedicated individuals who trained to become more self-aware and more enlightened individuals.

by Charlotte
Dombrower

hillel



Row One: Maryn C. Soroka, Nicolette M. LeBlanc, Jennifer R. Redmore, Stacy L. Miller, Elysa M. Berlin, Elissa M. Berger; **Row Two:** Caitlin G. Lake, Drew R. Hayes, Erica C. Bennetch, Brandon Walker, Amy Segall; **Row Three:** Jacob Forstater, Amy Caouette, Amy L. Feinberg, Daniel A. Lovinger.

Hillel reached out to the Jewish community on campus and in Harrisonburg. Established in the 1970s, it had a strong relationship with the synagogue, Temple Beth El, in Harrisonburg and with other Hillel organizations around the state of Virginia.

Hillel provided an intimate setting and allowed students to bond with other students of the same faith. The

members participated in many group activities such as parties, movie nights and trips to Massanutten. At least one gathering was planned per week, sometimes with a religious focus such as Shabbat services or Torah discussions. Hillel hosted the Hebrew Hop Semiformal and Holocaust Remembrance Week.

Hillel strengthened Jews' ties to their faith and to each other.

by Angela Norcross

contemporary gospel singers

by Angela Norcross

Thirteen men and women founded Contemporary Gospel Singers during the early 1970s and by 1972, the group had been recognized as an official club. The organization expanded over the years, and approximately 120 students have been members. Senior Justin Robinson said CGS tried to "bring forth a feeling of God's love combined with unity" through singing. They performed a mix of urban, contemporary, a cappella, gospel and opera music. Junior Shawn Wright said, "Being a part of CGS opened up a new way to worship God I never knew before."

Through song, dance, mime and sign language, CGS ministered to high schools, churches, universities and the local community. Senior Marcus Hubbard joined the group the first semester of his freshman year. "At first I was cocky, but when I heard the sound the group produced together, I was humbled. I would have been happy bringing out risers for CGS. My experience with CGS has grown from there."

October 11th, CGS sang in a Homecom-

ing concert at Wilson Hall, belting out beautiful harmonies to a packed audience. During Parents Weekend, the group stayed busy singing in a concert for parents and hosting a breakfast. At the breakfast, the parents and students competed against each other in games of Bible Charades, with the parents achieving victory. Senior Robin Woodfolk, vice president, said, "I love the opportunity to minister and serve the community through God."

During the first week of April, CGS held their annual Gospel Extravaganza Weekend. Friday night they hosted a Jesus Jam with dancing, games and food. Saturday night, their formal Christian light banquet was held to celebrate the anniversary of the organization and induct new executive board members. Sunday, the group sang at the University Sunday church service and held their Gospel Extravaganza in the evening. University and local church choirs performed praise dances, poems, raps and skits. Spreading the love of Christ through music, Hubbard said through CGS, "I've formed friendships for a lifetime."



kappa delta rho

by Angela Norcross

Kappa Delta Rho was chartered on April 21, 1991 after its founding in 1989. A social fraternity, the brothers participated in social events and many intramurals together such as basketball and flag football. Social interaction was a large part of the fraternity's focus. KDR held Homecoming events for their alumni and a Parents Weekend barbeque.

Because the fraternity was one of the smaller ones on campus, the brothers had a chance to become more close-knit and develop stronger friendships. Working in study groups to facilitate higher scholarship achievement, they acted as a

support network of reliance. Their motto was Honor Super Omnia, or honor before all things.

The brothers also participated in various events throughout the community. They hosted the third annual KDR Car Bash, in which participants were invited to smash a car with a mallet with proceeds going to the United Way. In addition, MS Relay for Life, the MS Walk and Big Brothers Big Sisters were important events showing KDR's dedication to the community. Senior President John Weatherly said, "Becoming a part of Kappa Delta Rho has given me many opportunities that I would not have had otherwise."



Row One: Dustin Carr, Scott Weckstein, John Calayore; **Row Two:** James Eckert, Bryan Ghee, Logan Wood, Matt Welsh; **Row Three:** Brandon W. Pifer, Ryan Stanley, John Weatherley, Zachary D. Logan, Michael Bruun.



Row One: Marie Robertson, Sarah E. Chek, April M. Stewart, Kristen B. Letnick, Justin S. Robinson, Sally G. Appiah, Robin A. Woodfolk, LaTasha D. Johnson, Corretta Martin, Tiffany Hash; **Row Two:** Lindsay R. Carson, Nikiya C. McCoy, Isiah C. Smith, Marcus C. Hubbard, Richard A. Christmas, Sarah N. Dyer, Charlene R. Hall, Rhonda B. Jones, Charmaine Wingfield



Performing a solo, senior Stacey Claytor takes the stage at the Parent's Weekend performance. Contemporary Gospel Singers was founded in the early 1970's. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]

kappa kappa psi

by Charlotte Dombrower

Kappa Kappa Psi was a national honorary band service fraternity. The purpose of the coed fraternity was to assist the band director in developing leadership and enthusiasm with band members. Members helped to provide service activities for the band, as well as give band members experience in organizational, leadership and social aspects of band. Members worked to improve the quality, unity, prestige and service of the Marching Royal Dukes. They based their membership on the premise that "it is an honor to be selected and to serve this band, its department of music,

its sponsoring institution, and the cause of band music in the nation's colleges and universities."

The Eta Omicron chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi was founded in 1980 as the 183rd chapter of the fraternity. The national fraternity was founded in 1919 at Oklahoma State University as an "honorary fraternity for college bandmen."



Row One: Cindy Wickens, Kristen Miner, Jard Shenk, Cecilia Carpenter, Samantha Kaplan, Enn Cooper, Katherine Hutchins; **Row Two:** Amy Shotwell, Ben Silber, Kathleen Schoelwer, Sara Perron, Mike Jenkins, Tara Laurie, Kimberly Wagner, Carolyn Anzuini; **Row Three:** Jennifer Hinkle, Steven Hrabak, Courtney Evans, Chris Howell, Doug Roberts, Eric Firnhaber, Carly Crockett, Breanne MacFarland.

dance theatre

by Angela Norcross

Arms stretched in the air, plié, grand jeté, repeat. Dance Theatre brought together students interested in dance, many of whom had invested the majority of their young life in the art. Dance majors and minors worked to prepare for performances for their classes. Together, they formed the Contemporary Dance Ensemble and the Virginia Repertory Company. The organization created, auditioned for, and then performed their pieces in mid-November at a student concert. Sophomore Jess Burgess said, "These pieces take up enormous amounts of rehearsal time per week, but are so worth it once the final outcome is achieved."

Classes for dance majors required they view off-campus performances. Dance Theatre addressed this requirement by traveling as a group to see dance performances, making the experience more enjoyable.

ADHP, a community outreach program organized through Dance Theatre, aided local brownie Girl Scouts in receiving

their dance merit badges. With the Girl Scouts, Dance Theatre covered important aspects of dance such as history, choreography, different types of dancing and how dance can be used in the community. They set up stations so each Girl Scout could learn a different aspect of dance, giving them a well-rounded knowledge of the art.

Dance Theatre was also actively involved in community service activities with Sunnyside Retirement Home. Burgess said, "Dance Theatre is a fun way to get involved with the surrounding community and within the JMU community." The organization planned an informal performance at Sunnyside, in addition to using movement exercises with the patients to help express emotions.

In some ways, the friendships made by the ladies in the group were the most rewarding part of the experience. Due to extensive community service involvement, time spent practicing dance together and traveling to see performances in other towns, the organization became close. Karen Jones said, "It has been a wonderful experience and made my college experience amazing."

Air running, seniors Karen Jones, April Gruber, Emily Olson and junior Erica Marocke enact their version of molecules. Dance Theatre was a group for majors and minors to practice their art. Photo courtesy of Whitney Hepinstall



knights of columbus

by Charlotte Dombrower

The Knights of Columbus was a national fraternity of Catholic men, dedicated to living out the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The University chapter of the Knights of Columbus was founded in April 1986. Living out their commitment to these ideals, they participated in various community service activities. Members adopted a highway in Harrisonburg, which they cleaned regularly. At least once each year, they collected hundreds of dollars for the mentally challenged for a program called KOVAR, Knights of Virginia Assisting the Retarded. They also volunteered at

an organization called Camp Still Meadows with charitable events. Camp Still Meadows was a non-profit camp designed to provide therapeutic activities for mentally-challenged or physically disabled children and adults.

To serve the church, members regularly cleaned up the Catholic Campus Ministry house. They also conducted Bible study meetings every week. On Columbus Day, they put American flags up on Main Street to show their patriotism. The Knights of Columbus continued to uphold the principles of their fraternity throughout the year.



Row One: William C. Hughes (Faculty Advisor), Adam J. Stanislawski (Recorder), Glenn J. Rukowski II, William A. Trobbiani, Gregory D. Kruger (Treasurer); **Row Two:** Christopher Conaway (Lecturer), Aaron Shura, Andrew Ballard (Advocate), Kevin Brennan, Brian Melchers (Grand Knight).



Row One: Taryn Bazinet, Christina Clark, Jess Burgess, Erica Mercke, Karen Jones, April Gruber, Sarah Richards, Megan Lowry, Lindsey Rutherford, Laura Bayarski; **Row Two:** Kathryn Morse, Stacey Claytor, Libby Nicholaou, Meghan Moran, Barrett Brogdon, Whitney Hepinstall, Tiffany Brooks, Kathleen Ferraro, Michelle Grazio, Sarah Heller, **Row Three:** Ashley Knight, Jessica Shaw, Emily Hynes, Karen Mills, Avi Leighton, Emily Oleson, Kara Priddy, Sara Cart, Amanda Thomas.



Doing handstands, Dance Theatre members show that their strength doesn't only lie in their legs. The club traveled to Washington, DC and New York City during the year to watch alumni perform.

[Photo courtesy of Whitney Hepinstall]

women's club lacrosse

by Angela Norcross

The Women's Club Lacrosse team played long and hard against teams from across the country. With their main thrust of competition in the spring, they competed against Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, University of Maryland, Towson University and Navy. Practices helped them prepare to face the competition. They prepared with long runs, stretching and ball drills. The ladies also worked on conditioning and participated in scrimmages against each other. Sophomore Jamie Munnis, club secretary, said, "Lax has given me the opportunity to travel and play other

great players from very good schools. Now being on the exec, I do my best to make our team better, which in turn gives JMU a good reputation when we travel to other schools."

The team did not simply focus on their athletic achievements. The women worked hard to give back to the community also. They actively participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk and helped Habitat for Humanity build houses. Sophomore Lauren Mazzotta said, "Lacrosse has given me a group of friends, competition, workouts and fun!" Jamie Munnis also said, "As a freshman last year, I tried out not knowing anyone and now I have 30 of the greatest friends."



Row One: Jenna Sell, Lauren Owen, Vanessa Waigand, Monic DeBois, Tierney Ueith, Katherine Schires; **Row Two:** Lauren Mazzotta, Emily Noonan, Julianne Powell, Julie Sellers, Alexis Zankman; **Row Three:** Jamie Munnis, Diane Coffey, Martha Vicedomini, Katie Harmon, Lauren Dickey, Libby Walsh; **Row Four:** Kaitlin Inman, Sara Ruel-Bergeron, Monica Miner, Rachel Scott, Kristen Finnsness.

delta chi

by Angela Norcross

First founded at Cornell University in 1890, Delta Chi became a chartered fraternity on campus in 2001. Delta Chi was a social fraternity that also sponsored several philanthropic activities throughout the year. Senior Scott Hardingham said, "I am ten times more involved on this campus than if I were not a member." Sophomore Ryan Webb said, "I think one of my favorite aspects of Delta Chi and fraternity life as a whole is how we can all overcome our differences and share in the common bond of brotherhood."

Each year, Delta Gamma sorority put on a competition between Greeks called Anchor Splash. Delta Chi fraternity competed in and won the event. Junior Jon McNamara, one of the brothers, was named Mr. Anchor Splash. Many of the sororities and fraternities joined forces to raise money for their causes. Proceeds of the event, approximately \$500, went to the ALS Foundation to help fund a cure for Lou Gehrig's disease. Senior Michael Sterlacci said, "It's tons of fun and it's a great cause."

In the fall, Katie Mobley held the role of Delta Chi's sweetheart and in the spring, Beth McBroom succeeded her. The sweetheart attended a sit down dinner with the brothers at least once a semester, new members cooked her dinner, and the brothers took turns taking her out to dinner. In return, each of the sweethearts taught them etiquette such as writing thank-you notes.

The brothers were very close and spent time together outside of philanthropy events. In October, the brothers went paintballing together in Fisherville. They hosted a semi-formal at Kyoto Japanese restaurant in November and held a black tie formal at the Crystal City Double Tree Hotel in March. The White Carnation formal was a favorite event of many of the brothers. Senior Nathan Slifka said, "It is a chance for all the past and present brothers of Delta Chi to celebrate being Delta Chis, while getting away from the pressures of college life and the real world." McNamara said, "They truly become like family and really are there to support you whenever you need them. They will definitely be there for me long after my time at JMU is over."



Row One: Wesley Hedgepeth, Stephen Ames (Treasurer), Brian Nido, Daniel S. Dunlap, Mehdi Tabdilizaz; **Row Two:** Ryan Webb, Stephen Jou, Jonathan McNamara, Ben Denton, Matthew Whitehurst, Chris Langgood, Nick Perkinson; **Row Three:** Joseph H. Johnson, J. Phillip Parrion, Scott D. Hardingham (President), James Hudson, M. Brett Sterlacci (Alumni Relations), Isaac Yates, Michael Carter; **Row Four:** Michael Goodman, Greg Allen, Kevin Thorn (Secretary), Nathan E. Slifka (Risk Manager), Patrick J. Hanley, James T. Hant, Christopher Crawford (Vice President).



Engaging in a hands-on game of football, Delta Chi brothers spend an afternoon together. Playing sports gave the fraternity members another chance to strengthen their brotherly bond. [Photo courtesy of Delta Chi]





Decked out in a Delta Chi letter sweatshirt, the statue of James Madison serves as the focal point for a group shot of many Delta Chi brothers. Members usually took it upon themselves to show spirit for their fraternity around campus.

| Photo courtesy of Delta Chi |

what was student organization night?

An event that brought University organizations together in order to advertise themselves to prospective members.

When was Student Organization Night held?

The beginning of each semester Student Organization Services hosted the event.

Where was Student Organization Night held?

Locations varied between the Commons, Hillside field, or in the College Center Ballroom.

How did each organization advertise for new members?

Each organization was given half a table to promote their club. Display boards, flyers and free memorabilia brought interested members to the different clubs.



How did organizations sign up for Student Organization Night?

first Club presidents received notification by e-mail of the approaching date for student organization night.

second Organizations had to submit their Hazing Compliance Forms and sign up with Student Organization Services.

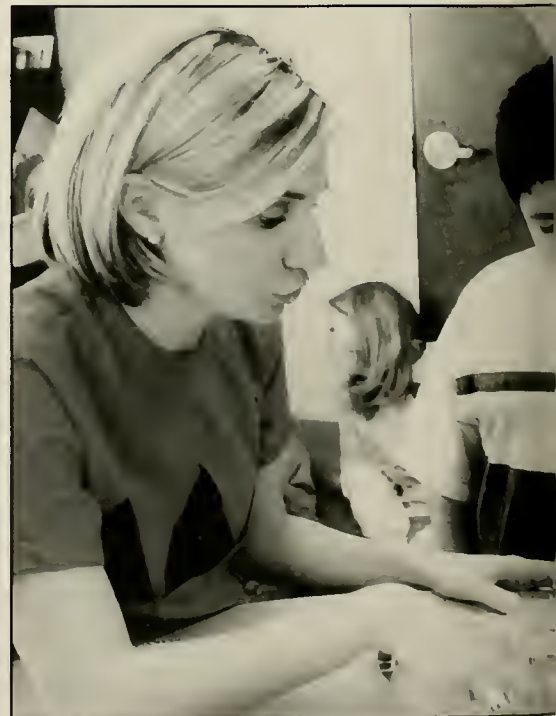
third Organizations were then assigned spots at Student Organization Night by classification of sports club, publication, service club, etc.

by Charlotte Dombrower

Creating something fun out of construction paper, sophomore Meghan Thomas volunteers with fellow Delta Delta Delta members at the Boys and Girls Club. Tri-Delta raised over \$3,000 for their philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]



Having fun, junior Sarah Corley works at the arts and crafts table with a teacher and girls from the Boys and Girls Club. The Gamma Tau chapter was installed in 1998. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]





Having fun coloring, Delta member [Name] shows a Boys and Girls Club member how to use the Alphabet Soup. Delta Delta Delta raised extensively for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]

delta delta delta

by Leanne Chambers

The primary purpose of Delta Delta Delta sorority was to establish a perpetual bond of friendship among its members, to develop a stronger character, to broaden their moral and intellectual life and to assist its members in every possible way. Throughout the year, its 145 sisters did just that.

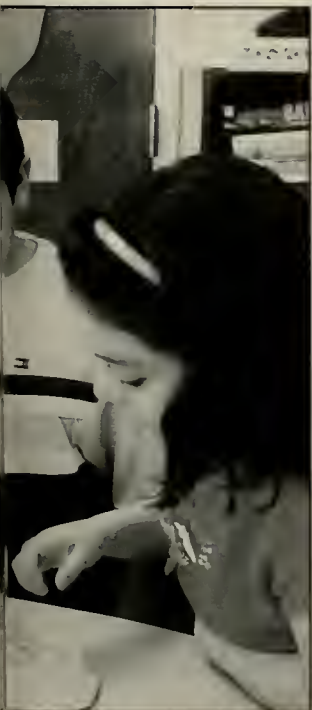
The sorority was founded in 1888 at Boston University and has grown to over 135 chapters internationally. The Gamma Tau chapter was installed in 1998 at the University. Since then, Gamma Tau has had the highest cumulative GPA of all Greek organizations on campus. "Our sisterhood is incredibly strong and supportive and lasts beyond our years at JMU," said senior and President senior Gina Santucci.

The sisters were very dedicated to their philanthropy, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The sisters held their first annual Delta Delta Delta Triple Play in October and all proceeds benefited St. Jude's. "Triple Play was a huge success," said Santucci. "Seven sororities and seven fraternities participated in a two day

softball championship. We raised over \$3,000. We also had penny wars on the Commons, all of which was donated to St. Jude's." Nationally, Delta Delta Delta partnered with St. Jude's and pledged \$1 million over a four-year period to build a teen center for cancer patients.

Aside from St. Jude's, the sisters also participated in many other community service activities. The sisters volunteered their time at White Birch Nursing Home, where they socialized with the residents. They also worked at the Harrisonburg Boys and Girls Club and made generous donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Gamma Tau worked with other Greek organizations on campus, co-sponsoring Camping for Kids with Alpha Kappa Lambda and Hoops for Kids with Sigma Nu.

Through their blend of service, dedication and friendship, the sisters of Delta Delta Delta made an impact on themselves, as well as the community. Junior Lauren Townsend said, "For over 100 years, Tri Deltas have made major impacts on our society, from Liz Claiborne to Katie Couric. I am proud to be a part of such a respectable organization."



Row One: Jennifer L. Rubino, Susan E. Altieri, Holly Arnould, Jerianne Liloce, Jenny Logan, Chrissi Moates, Allie Mann, Mary McCiggott, Gina Santucci, Carrie Meadows, Kelly Rose, Lauren Gardner, Cheryl Bishop, Elizabeth McBroom; **Row Two:** Julie Strait, Meagan A. Mihalko, Megan Willis, Lindsay Stander, Jennifer Asher, Jessica LeNoir, Amanda Nelson, Julie Gross, Allison Rogers, Jaime Kaley, Christine Keoglz, Jane Pryor, Sarah Shue, Caroline Chin, Beth Vahabzadeh, Stephanie Cendiff, Jackie Fennessey, Jessica Schafer, Erin Walsh, Meg Barden, Barbara Shockley; **Row Three:** Ashley C. Ingram, Becky Kesten, Sarah M. Budi, Lauren Reese, Anna Baumgartner, Whitney Markowitz, Kristen McGuire, Joy Dzuovcik, Ashley Barrow, Sarah Beth Corley, Kate Prostico, Amy Ferro, Cery S. Brown, Liann Surdi, Meghan Curran, Kathryn Collinson, Allison Thelbault, Kely Smith, Katherine Schuster, Lindsey Jones, Courtney Duane, Michelle Birk; **Row Four:** Kerri M. Conning, Meghan K. Thomas, Keri A. Gaines, Kristen L. Harrison, Christine Leggett, Talley King, Pamela E. Schardin, Michelle L. Budniewski, Erica Renner, Lindsey Hoddsden, Sarah K. Wood, Didi Gladis, Amy C. Breeding, Denise Spaanstra, Maria Razos, Ashleigh Jones, Stephanie Tartaglino, India Moorhouse, Jasmine Singh, Stephanie Gaither, Amanda Shankle, Katie Johnston.

Playing Trouble, Delta Delta Delta member senior Lauren Giel and kids from the Boys and Girls Club get into the game. Delta Delta Delta took an active role in the community by volunteering once a week at the Boys and Girls Club.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

Discussing upcoming social events, social standards chair senior Terri Romeo explains the sign up process for committees. Seniors headed each committee with underclassmen working with them. [Photo by Emily Dursa]



Listening intently, Delta Gamma members listen to plans for Secret Hannahs. Secret Hannahs were secret gifts given to seniors to let them know their sisters cared about them. [Photo by Emily Dursa]



Discussing Panhellenic meetings, members plan who will represent Delta Gamma at the next meeting. Panhellenic meetings were held once a week, and Delta Gamma needed representatives for each. [Photo by Emily Dursa]





delta gamma

by Leanne Chambers

The 100 members of the Epsilon Nu chapter of Delta Gamma spent the past year striving to fulfill their motto of “Do Good.” Based on the principles of personal integrity, personal responsibility and intellectual honesty, the sisters successfully achieved their goal through community service, fundraisers for their philanthropies and social events on campus.

One of the sorority’s primary events was Anchorsplash, a weeklong fundraiser that raised money for Service of Sight, their national philanthropy, as well as for the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. “Anchorsplash consisted of Penny Wars, Pool Games—which was where the Greek community competed against one another in a variety of pool relay races and synchronized swimming events—and the Mr./Ms. Anchorsplash Pageant,” said President senior Erin Dolan. The Mr./Ms. Pageant was a lip sync competition between the fraternities and sororities. Each fraternity and sorority planned a lip syncing skit.

They had four dancers and a Mr./Ms. contestant. They were judged on outfits, lip sync, enthusiasm and crowd appeal. Delta Gamma raised money from the entrance fee at the door. “Anchorsplash was very successful this past year, as it is every year,” said Dolan. “This year we raised \$3000 for our philanthropy.”

Aside from Anchorsplash, each sister was required to complete eight hours of individual community service. “This past semester, we spent a Saturday picking up trash at Purcell Park,” said Dolan.

Each semester, DG planned several social events around campus, such as mixers with other Greek organizations and formals. To help promote the importance of academics, they formed study groups that allowed the sisters to tutor each other. They also participated in intramural sports as a group through UREC.

Most importantly, the sisters cultivated friendships that lasted a lifetime. Dolan said, “Delta Gamma means the world to me and the women that make up this wonderful organization. I’m definitely Delta Gamma for life.”



Row One: Susan Walsh, Hilary Oskin, Jenna Gordon, Jenny Sears, Ashley Easome, Laura Hinson, Stacey Brock, Amanda Brock, Allison Downing, Helen Chamberlain, Sarah Yates, Heather Harrison, Kerri Alprantis, Shorty McNottall, Erin Dolan; **Row Two:** Amy R. Segall, Lindsey K. Buranych, Caroline Smith, Darcie Roberge, Elizabeth Relyea, Susanna Finger, Kimbly Radlos, Amy Godshau, Amy Switzer, Tricia Agee, Meghan Young, Cory Hancock, Chesty Sample, Katie Russo; **Row Three:** Erin G. Hurley, Meredith L. Berwick, Heather E. Dickens, Megan S. Olson, Shannon Allen, Rachel L. Comer, Jennifer O’Brien, Crysta B. Swarts, Heather Campbell, Alison Wendling, Laura Null, Kelly J. Logue, Cory M. McCann, Cathryn Hodukavieh; **Row Four:** Amy G. Beddoo, Jessica L. Robertson, Meredith L. Massie, Jacqueline L DaSilva, Heather L. Stilwell, Denise F. Hansen, Kelly Morris, Jen Brown, Anna Dowdle, Caitlin Fox, Michelle L. Niesen, Laura Harden, Ashli Dean, Heather Elston, Cassie J. Pack.

Signing in for the weekly meeting, sophomore Jennifer Brown passes the attendance sheet to junior Ginni Brazaitis. Delta Gamma held weekly meetings at the house to keep the members informed on upcoming events.
[Photo by Emily Dursa]

delta sigma theta

by Angela Norcross

Nationally, 22 women at Howard University founded Delta Sigma Theta on January 13, 1913. Delta Sigma Theta was the first all-black Greek organization brought on campus. Beginning December 11, 1971, eleven women pledged to aid the community through sisterhood, scholarship and service.

Year long programs in which the chapter participated included Adopt-A-Highway, Delta Foci programs and volunteering at a community soup kitchen. DST also served as mentors to children in Harrisonburg by planning programs for the Boys and Girls Club.

Step shows were frequent functions throughout both semesters. On October 13th, DST participated in the Homecoming Step Show with a theme of Delta Reloaded, based around "The Matrix." Greeks performed rhythmic patterns by feet and hand.

One of the most important events for the organization was to celebrate Founders Week. DST planned a program of events,

which included bowling, a Founders Day dinner and candle lighting ceremony, discussing women who had impacted the community, marching in the Martin Luther King march, game and movie night in Taylor and University Sunday. Senior Kristie Fleming, president, said of Founders Day, "It was a nice way to get the JMU campus involved, and alumni from Charlottesville came to help us celebrate."

In conjunction with BOND and Women of Color, DST hosted a fashion show on April 9th in the Grand Ballroom. In February, these organizations and others came together again for a Unity Cook-off.

With a small number of members in the chapter, the ladies of DST were very close. Kristie Fleming joined because her mother was a member, as were many of the women in her life. "They were leaders in the community and so I wanted to join. On campus, DST stood for what they said and were leaders on campus. I knew I wanted to go through this chapter." Membership in DST was for a lifetime. Fleming said, "Even after I leave, I will still be a member, helping my community."



Dancing under their banner for the homecoming Step Show, senior Stacey Claytor, senior Kristie Parker, junior Kristie Fleming, junior Charlene Hall and senior Chandra Cooks perform in Wilson Hall. Their theme of Delta Reloaded was based around the movie The Matrix. (Photo by Lynn 1001)

madison dance

by Kristin Short

Eight years ago Madison Dance Club came into existence on the University's campus. Ever since then it had flourished with a growing number of members and performance opportunities each year.

The club had three areas of dance for members to be involved in. Lyrical was headed by senior Sarina Anch, jazz by senior Christine Chin and hip-hop by senior Heather Gilbert.

MDC performed at many different events on campus including basketball games, Student Organization Night, Sunset on The Quad, Operation Santa Claus and Safe Rides Benefit Concert. MDC also participated in services projects. Some of these included

Kids Night Out and Warm a Winter Wish. "We are asked to dance at an incredible amount of events on campus. So many that we can't do all of them!" Anch said.

Besides making lasting friendships within the group, MDC members have had the opportunity to get to know other organizations. "We have formed great relationships with other organizations such as Phi Sigma Pi, Student Ambassadors and the Breakdancing Club," Anch said.

Madison Dance was full of opportunity. "I think everyone gets something different out of MDC. MDC has given me the opportunity to choreograph and perform throughout my college career," Anch said.



Row One: Sheryl L. Swenson, Sarina M. Anch, Christine M. Chin, Heather Gilbert, Katie Lally, Dana Lokitis; **Row Two:** Melissa J. Matern, Kristen A. Speargas, Nicole R. Seney, Jennifer C. Ponton, Sage L. Lipkin, Shelby R. Giles, Natalie L. Lee; **Row Three:** Chiquita M. Cross, Linia S. Duncan, Amanda M. Lee, Whitney L. Hewson, Ashley D. Parks, Kristin L. Styles, Christina M. Funari.



Row One: Chandra Cooks, Stacey Caytor, **Row Two:** Charlene Hall, Kristie M. Fleming, Kristin A. Parker



Enthusiastically leading the women of Delta Sigma Theta, senior Stacey Caytor smiles brightly at the crowd. The Homecoming Step Show was a much anticipated annual event
(Photo by Jenny Yoo)

madison marketing international



Row One: Randall Van Allen, Mia Jones, Lauren Schuman, Melissa Tenenini, Brooke Carroll, Emily Orrell, Meena Arora, Richard Spatola; **Row Two:** Lauren T. Lowman, Emily Wilson, Rachael Jackson, Katie Sioss, Maureen Flynn, Madeline King, Trinity Massey, Kelsey O'Neal; **Row Three:** Kelly L. Hoffman, Marisa J. Kuhn, Ryan Loro, Lindsay M. Fredenck; **Row Four:** Kathleen A. Landy, Aaron Swift, Summer Gentry, Art P. Vaduley, Justin Groulie, Erin Bruce, Lindsay Robbins, Bob McMillen.

by Leanne Chambers

The Madison Marketing Association's primary goal was to provide an environment for students to become prepared for their future through a combination of professional development and marketing related activities. The club, which had 85 members, met every Wednesday night and was open to any business major. The group had various guest speakers come talk to the members, from an entrepreneur who graduated from the University to Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Reid, to a marketing director for McDonalds.

The group gained the majority of their funds from their major fundraiser, the Harrisonburg Access Card, or HAC.

Members of the club were able to practice their marketing skills by going out into the community and persuading businesses to buy space on the card. The card offered discounts at the various businesses and the club sold them to students. The group also volunteered time with Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Mercy House. "MMA has really taught me how marketing applies to the real world," said Co-President senior Brooke Carroll. "I learned from business people first-hand marketing strategies."

Kate Riesenfeld said, "The club is great because it has helped me prepare for my future career in sales."

equestrian club

by Angela Norcross

Horse lovers began the Equestrian Club approximately five years ago, and the club gained members and activity increased since its founding. Junior Kimberly Rill said her primary decision for becoming involved with the Equestrian Club was, "I have been riding for eleven years and didn't want to stop when I went away to college. It was a good way to keep riding and make new friends." For senior Emily Just, who got her first pony at age seven, the club, "offered [her] a chance to ride and make amazing new friends." The team provided an opportunity for horse lovers of all experience levels to ride and interact with horses, compete in competitions and make new friends with similar passions. Participants competed in eight to ten intercollegiate horse shows in addition to those held locally. Junior Cheryl Mazarowski explained her motivation behind organizing equestrian competitions as that, "It is a great experience to see all of these schools competing on your home turf and all the hard work to get the show ready pays off."

The Equestrian Club assisted Campstill Meadows, a therapeutic riding program, as part of its outreach to the community. During the holiday season, Equestrian Club hosted Horses Christmas, inviting hundreds of elementary school children to their barn. The children were in awe of horses dressed like soldiers, sugar plum fairies and ballerinas. A huge tree decorated with carrots allowed the kids to feed the horses at the end of the program.

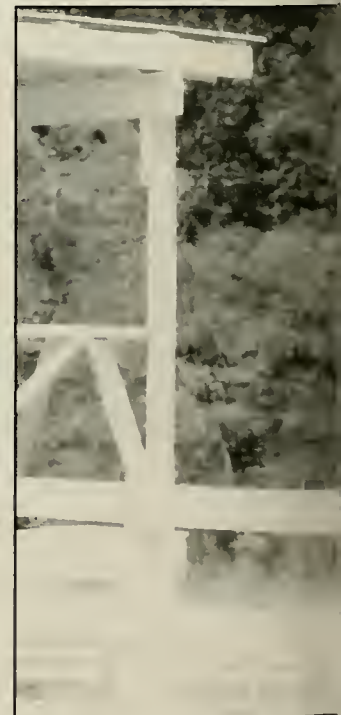
Equestrian Club participants developed a strong bond with their horses at Oak Manor, the stable where the club rode. Responsibility for caring for the horses' physical needs came in exchange for competitive participation. Horses were friends in addition to teammates, making this club unlike any other on campus. Mazarowski said, "When riding, your teammate is a 1000 pound, four-legged, furry beast that does not speak the same language as you." Training required a large time dedication, but the team made great strides over the course of the year, growing as a team and improving their record.



Row One: Cheryl Mazarowski, Laura DeAngelo, Kerri LaFleur, Mason Haer, Brittany DeLorme, Amanda Sims, Emily Just, Jaime Newbill, Lucie Horn, Katie Johnson, Molly Little, Kim Rill; **Row Two:** Stephanie Knowles, Jessica J. Sanaie, Megan McCann, Laura McCann, Shalyn Crawford, Heather Nunn, Lindsey Downes, Michelle Boes, Erin Lee, Amanda Schoeiner, Kate Sessoms, Jen Ross; **Row Three:** Claire Powers, Nadine Wagner-Bartak, Lauren Hoots, Maaz Shaulcat, Jen Palmisano, Darcy Swain, Sara Foster, Erin Fuller, Lauren Zuna, Lara Miller, April Burgess; **Row Four:** Natalie D. Drakulich, Amelia Olson, Holly Johnson, Emily Wilkins, Ryan Cohill, Katie Miller, Michelle Klotz, Stephanie McKaughan, Sarah Axelson, Meghan Jones, Alison Bredthauer, **Not Pictured:** Brianne Casey, Amber Mendres.



Starting off with a trot, freshman Katie Johnson rides in the Novice Flat Division. The Equestrian Club worked with Campstill Meadows to increase the community's appreciation of horses.
[Photo Courtesy of The Equestrian Club]



Jumping in intermediate over fences, junior Cheryl Mazarowski competes at Radford University. The Equestrian Club was first formed five years ago. *[Photo Courtesy of The Equestrian Club]*

Mid-air, senior Emily Just successfully completes a hurdle in the novice over fences competition at Radford University. There were about fifty members in the Equestrian Club. *[Photo Courtesy of The Equestrian Club]*



Riding in the over fences competition, junior Courtney Crunk competes in one of the ten intercollegiate horse shows. The club rode their horses at Oak Manor. *[Photo Courtesy of The Equestrian Club]*



Decorating "Season's Greetings" cards for faculty, Eta Sigma Gamma members join for their pot luck dinner. ESG was an honors fraternity of Health Science.
[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

eta sigma gamma

by Eileen Lofrese

The Eta Sigma Gamma Health Science Honor Society was one of nearly 35 Integrated Science and Technology student organizations at the University.

According to the University clubs and organizations website the goals of ESG were "to enhance student knowledge and appreciation of the health discipline and to elevate the standards, ideals and competence of health professionals."

There were requirements a student had to meet in order to receive an initiation invitation. Students had to be a health science major or minor with a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher. The fraternity had an established point system requiring each new member to obtain

a specific number of points to qualify for initiation. ESG was open to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as health science faculty.

The honor fraternity took part in several activities around campus and the Harrisonburg community. ESG had participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Red Cross blood drives, Relay for Life, and projects focused on mental health awareness and depression.

President of ESG, senior Erin Blevins said, "a big benefit of being in ESG is that once inducted, you become a national member of the organization. There are opportunities for scholarships and members receive journals relating to current issues in the health field."



madison motorsports

by Kristin Short

Madison Motorsports participated in many activities throughout the year. They flagged for and watched road races, hosted an annual car show, hosted an autocrossing, drove in track days and had tech days for the members to work on their own cars.

As a flagger, members would work at a station and display flags to alert drivers of changing conditions on the route they were taking. Different flags stood for different hazards. Some of these hazards included a car that had spun out of control, debris and slow traffic.

Members did not need to have their own car, just an interest in different motorsports like biking and off-roading. As long as there was interest, Madison Motorsports tried to accommodate as many different types of motors sports as possible.

There was a membership fee that went towards buying tools for everyone to use on their cars. This also included what fees were needed to participate in events.

Madison Motorsports had a webpage that gave information for upcoming events, membership and answered frequently asked questions.



Row One: Lortna Khnalan, Michael Collins, Hunter Brown, Chris Procopio; **Row Two:** Christopher H. Reed, Austin C. Hedrick, Rob Feerst, Justin S. Martin, Mark E. Thomas; **Row Three:** Kevin Borg, Adam Lee, Jack Hirsch, Justin Gallamore; **Not Pictured:** David Allen, Justin Antinarella, Scott Bradford, Brian Maeng, Gerald Irish, Ian Thomson, Ryan Thayer, Kean Canturk, Shane Shroeder.



Row One: Lisa B. Domeshek, Jennifer C. Luton, Giuliana P. Geng, Tiffany P. Tomlinson, Erin Blevins, Robin M. Yuspeh; **Row Two:** Carrie E. Plott, Ashley B. Smith, Tanisha D. Woodard, Kristen Timmel, Molly E. Ashby, Sarah B. Corley, Kathryn A. Mooney; **Row Three:** Jenny G. Yoo, Candice J. Rogers, Liz A. Easley, Kimberly J. Rogers, Molly B. Shepherd, Ginger R. Pettengill, Joy R. Giglio, Denice C. Norton.



Taping candy canes to the holiday cards to be sent out to faculty, ESG member junior Molly Ashby gets into the spirit of Christmas. Ashby was an active member for the Health Science Honor Fraternity.
[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

madison outing club



Row One: Matt Seitz (Treasurer), Mega Shkor (President); **Not Pictured:** Brad Galorenzo (Vice-President), Sheila DiCostanza (Secretary), Kara O'Neil (SCC Representative).

by Angela Norcross

The Madison Outing Club was an adventure-seeking group of individuals always on the lookout for new opportunities in the great outdoors. The club took part in many thrill-seeking events throughout the year. Club members were dedicated to preservation and enjoyment of nature and did so through a variety of outdoor activities.

Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing were some of the fun events the organization participated in during the winter months. When it was warm, the Outing Club played paintball in Harrisonburg. They went whitewater rafting, on camping trips and horseback riding in

the Shenandoah Valley. Caving was also a popular pastime for the club.

At meetings held once a month, the club planned future trips. Spending time together in the great outdoors helped build friendships among the members, but for some, the best part of the club was being exposed to new activities. Junior Vice President Brad Galorenzo said, "Through the club I have been skydiving twice, which was an especially awesome milestone, and played paintball for the first time." Through the Madison Outing Club, participants were exposed to dozens of activities that enriched their knowledge of the world around them.

Leading Exit 245, junior Brian King sings "I Melt" at Zeta's Breast Cancer Awareness Concert. Just one of the many groups present, the evening concert's proceeds went to breast cancer research.
 [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Singing in the College Center, sophomore Jonathan McNamara performs his solo. McNamara premiered Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me A River" at Exit's Ginormous Fall Jam.
 [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Stepping forward for a solo, junior Mike Harrison sings to a packed College Center. The group was named after the Interstate 81 exit to the University.
 [Photo by Morgan Riehl]





by Angela Norcross

Performing for over 950 people in the College Center Ballroom on November 21st, Exit 245 wooed the sold-out crowd with new and old melodies. The all-male a cappella group's song selection included Seal's "Don't Cry," "Melt" by Rascal Flatts, Guster's "Amsterdam" and a New Kids on the Block medley that took the audience back in time to the early 90s. The Ginormous Fall Jam was a success.

Exit 245 aided the campus and community with their time in raising money for service projects. They performed at Operation Santa Claus, Alternative Spring Break sign-ups and Up 'Til Dawn to help other groups. Exit sang at many benefits such as Zeta's Breast Cancer Awareness Concert and the Carrie Kutner Scholarship Fund. Senior Mike Harrison said, "We find it a blessing to use our voices to help contribute to these great causes."

Preparing for concerts required an extensive time commitment on the part

of Exit's members. They practiced three nights a week for approximately five hours total, working to perfect the notes, dynamics and musicality of their pieces. It was important for the group to learn new pieces while continuing to keep the old ones in top form. Harrison said, "Even though we may have sung these songs over 50 times, some people may not have heard them yet." Exit also spent a great deal of time in the studio recording their fourth CD.

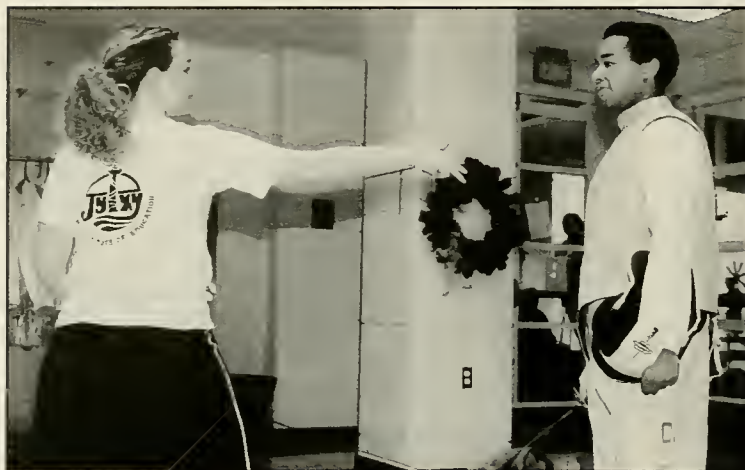
Exit 245 was more than a male a cappella group that came together for the sole purpose of entertaining and making music. They actually got along off stage and enjoyed hanging out together. Junior Nate Miller said, "It's given me a whole lot of new friends. It also helps us all grow as musicians to study music in an extremely fun way." Senior Treasurer Kevin Ker said, "It is the one thing that I will miss the most when I graduate. As a senior, I'm doing my best to soak up every last minute of it." The group did their best to enjoy each other's company while preparing to woo the crowd and bring them to their feet at their next concert.



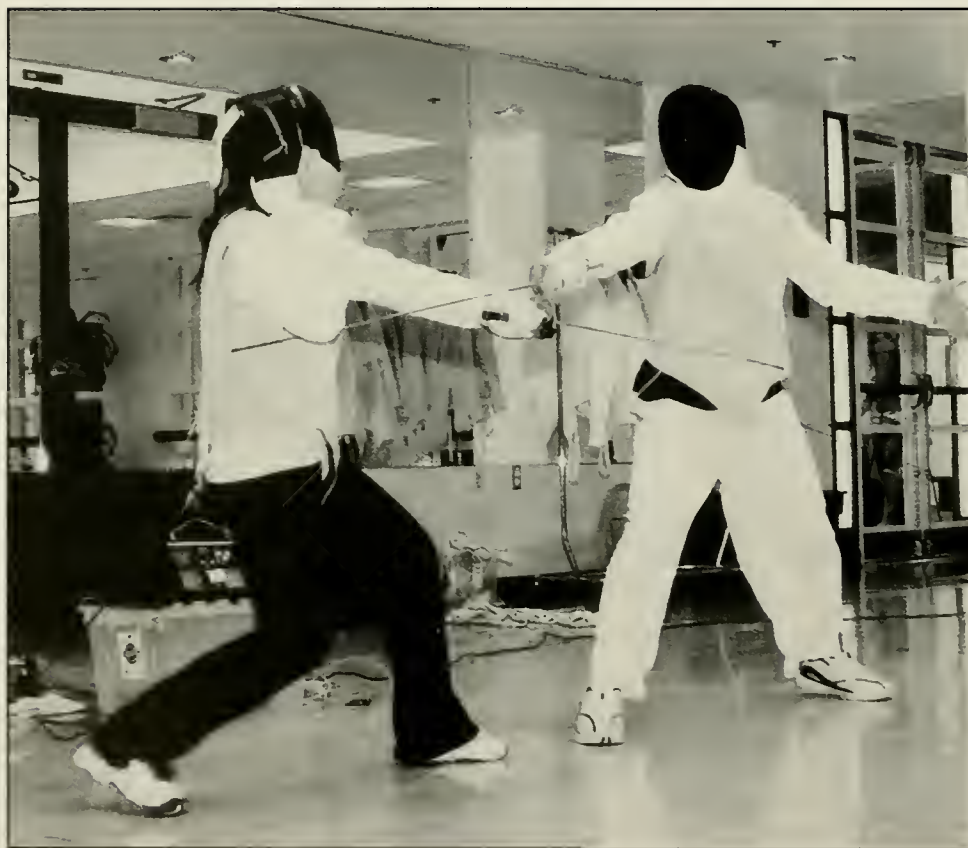
Row One: Gavin C. Wade (Public Relations), Brian King (President), W. Lawton Tufts, James Minnix, Ryan Ostrander (Assistant Music Director); **Row Two:** Mike Cordingley, Kevin Ker (Treasurer), Jared Wilmer, Jason Ratliff (Music Director), Cory Moone, Michael Ozment; **Row Three:** Jonathan McNamara, Nate Miller, Nathaniel Baker, Andrew Kneale, Michael Harrison (Business Manager).

Representing one of the seven groups to sing for A Cappella-Thon, senior Gavin Wade and the rest of Exit 245 perform in Wilson Hall during Parents Weekend. The group recorded their fourth CD and traveled along the East Coast throughout the year.
[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

Showing how to do some fencing moves, sophomore Evan Garrison teaches senior Will Brown. The metallic vest, called a lame, was the target of stabs.
 [Photo by Clare Burchard]



Warming up before their scoring period, freshman Dan Collier and freshman Scott Young duel. The fencing club was actively involved in the community.
 [Photo by Clare Burchard]



Testing fair, senior Will Brown and sophomore Alice Shen touch their chest plates to make sure the scoring machine is working correctly. The goal was to score 15 points first.
 [Photo by Clare Burchard]



fencing club

by Nicole Maier

With weekly practices, competitions, social events, community service and fundraising, the Fencing Club created a team-like feel out of an individual based sport. Even students who had never tried to fence were invited to take a stab at this unique sport. "We teach anyone who is willing to learn, no experience necessary," said senior President Meghan Hochkeppel.

Practices were catered towards the abilities of the club members. Beginners were taught basic skills and rules for competition while also given time to practice against each other. More experienced members would work on improving their footwork and skills, practice with different weapons and have more time to fence one another.

The club gave members an opportunity to find people with similar interests. "Since it is not one of the more popular or widely know sports in the U.S., there's this bond between fencers," said Hiller. "It's always a little bit of a surprise when you find

someone else who is a fencer, [when you do] there's an instant kinship."

The club's involvement was not strictly limited to practices and competitions though. Throughout the year the team participated in a number of community service activities as well. They helped out with raising money for the Valley Voice, a radio reading service and WVPT, the local public television station. They co-sponsored the showing of "Pirates of the Caribbean" at Grafton. At the movie, the fencers sold baked goods and demonstrated some of their fencing moves. The night was a huge success. According to Hiller, on opening night tickets sold out and people even had to sit in the aisles to watch the show.

Joining the club had a positive impact on its members. Not only did it introduce a new sport to most of them, but it also gave them an opportunity to meet new people and contribute to their community. "I wouldn't go as far to say that fencing is my life," said Hiller. "But it has become a pretty meaningful part of my college experience and it is one I hope to continue when I graduate."



Row One: Amanda Grider, Elizabeth Hochkeppel, Katie Engel, Mary Delaney, Josh Keith, Blair Naylor, Karina Tam; **Row Two:** William C. Brown, Carolyn A. Stewart, Ben Chambers (SCC Representative), Evan Garrison (Treasurer), Meghan Hochkeppel (President), Karen Early (Armorer), Lindsey Wilson (Secretary), Laura Anderson; **Row Three:** Scott Jones, Aaron Stewart, Mark Rodden, Jonathan Kelly, Daroll Collor, Alice Shen; **Not Pictured:** Claire Williamson.

Lunging at freshman Josh Keith, senior Will Brown duels. Fencers dueled on a 6 foot by 40 foot area. | Photo by Clare Burchard |

club field hockey

by Angela Norcross

Women during the 19th century had lives confined to the parlor and social functions before the sport of field hockey.

Deemed the only sport proper enough for women to play, it liberated women and girls around the globe and cleared the way for their participation in other sporting activities. Within the past 20 years, field hockey expanded and many young women played the sport throughout high school. Junior Stephanie Cherkezian was one of these women. She wanted to attend a school with an intramural field hockey team, and this became an important factor in her decision to attend the University. Cherkezian, who was happy with her choice and being on the team, said, "It was great to have during my freshman year when I was so far from home and in a whole new place." With over 60 members, the team allowed students to play competitively, improve their skills and form lifelong friendships.

Prior to Club Field Hockey's founding, there were no field hockey intramurals, only varsity. Created to fill this void, Club Field Hockey was formed to allow students

to play hockey at a level below the varsity team. The club practiced Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4-6 on the UREC turf, working to improve their skills through warm-ups, runs, various drills, conditioning and scrimmages. Junior Carla Cofrancesco said, "Practices run pretty smoothly."

They started the year off by playing the varsity team. In October, the team traveled to Virginia Tech and competed against William and Mary. Over fall break, many of the girls on the team went to Maryland to compete in a tournament and the team came back together to play Lynchburg. As members of the National Field Hockey League, the club played games throughout Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina competitively. Junior Stephanie Cherkezian said, "I love the friendship and all the fun we have. But I also like how it is serious. My favorite thing is that all of us are here together because we love field hockey."

Junior Kristin Howard said, "These girls are my best friends and if I didn't play, I would never have met them."

During a timeout, members of Club Field Hockey gather together to discuss the game. While only a club organization, members took their games very seriously. [Photo courtesy of Club Field Hockey]



Row One: Carrie Moser (President), Beth Myers, Jessica Pierson, Kristin Howard, Meredith Prince. **Row Two:** Katie Sloss, Erin Magnor, Britini LaBrie, Tara Baldwin, Benjamin Salisbury; **Row Three:** Megan Cech (Coach), E. Deaderick, Leigh Morris, Becca Mihalick, Dana Ericson; **Row Four:** Catherine Ruhland (Head Coach), Bethany Smith, Julianne Stilwell, Kaylin Kugler, Melissa Tenenini (Vice-President).



Sending a shot toward the goal, sophomore Meredith Prince and Becca Mihalick play against the University of Richmond. The Dukes finished out the fall season with a 7-1 winning record. [Courtesy of Club Field Hockey]





national association for the advancement of colored people



Row One: Celeste R. Thomas (Advisor), Kerstyn D. Fauntleroy (Vice-President), Ancha C. Jordan, Chantelle V. Britton; **Row Two:** Lyndsay E. Gates, Ashley Lovelare, Tiffany A. Ferguson, Brittany T. White, Laura E. Brohst, Stacey A. Carter. **Row Three:** Lynsie P. Lewis, Merrick B. Morris, Kristin A. Parker (President); **Not Pictured:** Toni Kusi.

The University's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People worked to promote equality for all within the community.

The organization functioned to improve the educational, social and economic status of all groups, with special regards to minority populations. NAACP attempted to eliminate all prejudice, whether it was on the basis of race, gender or sexual orientation. However, their primary goal was to educate the

public about social injustices that happened regularly all over the world.

The organization's activities included NAACP Image Awards, Back to School/ Stay in School Program, Voter Registration and co-sponsorship of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaker. NAACP President senior Kristin Parker said, "We have established relationships with other organizations and we have been able to illustrate that our organization is not just for African-American individuals."

by Charlotte Dombrower

nursing student association



Row One: H. Phillips, A. Quesenberry, L. Clark, K. Hoyt, K. Huffstetler, R. Brown, S. Cunningham, K. Billman; **Row Two:** S. Jenkins, L. Whalan, S. Brown, C. Mitn, L. Sensabaugh, J. Dnggs, J. Desborough, J. Walker, V. Adams; **Row Three:** K. Bergfeld, S. Cowan, A. Beltz, E. Butcher, A. Richardson, J. Longerbeam, B. Pittman, L. Steinbacher, K. Aspen, K. Huband, J. Dobson; **Row Four:** C. Russell, J. Lloyd, S. Miller, L. Wagstaff, R. Engler, M. Singleton, A. Breen, K. Stannard, P. Weinch, H. Edmonds, A. Stroud, L. Gunther; **Row Five:** V. Martin, C. Brown, A. Stalnaker, A. Holzmaier, J. Seelig, V. Angel, A. Phelan, P. Krven.

The Nursing Students Association (NSA) was dedicated to the promotion of health, leadership and volunteer work in the surrounding community. NSA was affiliated with the Virginia and National Student Nurses Associations. Members explored nursing specialties, and learned about health policies as well as legislation.

NSC members participated in programs that expanded their knowledge in nursing specialties, graduate education, new

technologies and management in personal and professional roles. The organization was also active in community service projects to provide for those in need and to educate others about health. Projects included a Wal-Mart Food Service project, a blood drive, and high school education and recruitment programs.

NSA was formed at the University in 2000 as an extension of the state and national nursing associations.

by Charlotte Dombrower

women's club gymnastics

by Leanne Chambers

Formed in 1998, the purpose of the Club Gymnastics team was to provide the University's students with the opportunity to continue to compete and workout in the sport of gymnastics. Gymnastics also provided students with a place to work out and meet other students with the same interests. With over one hundred members, the club continued to grow and thrive through the year.

Another role of Club Gymnastics was to assist varsity gymnastics at their meets by helping to set up and break down the equipment, such as the beam, vault, uneven bars and floor. The team held no tryouts and was open to anyone who wanted to join. The team was informally split into those that wished to compete and those that did not.

The competitive team practiced four times a week for two hours a day while the noncompetitive team practiced two times a week for two hours a day and

had more freedom to work at their own pace. "We have been competing regionally and nationally for three years," said club President Emily Alves. The team went to about four competitions a year. One was held at Virginia Tech in the fall, although their main season was in the spring, when they attended one other competition, hosted one and then went to Nationals. They came in 11th place at Nationals and were ranked as the top team in Virginia.

The club also participated in various service projects throughout the community. They did fundraising for Up 'Til Dawn by holding a canned food drive for the Food Bank, as well as carved pumpkins and donated them to retirement communities around the area. They also volunteered at the SPCA as well.

Most importantly however, the club was comprised of a group of great friends. "Basically, joining this club allowed me to meet a great group of people," said Alves. "A lot of us ended up living together and we just had a great time."

As the number one team in Virginia, their hardwork and dedication paid off.

Performing a graceful stretch Senior Emily Alves practices her balance beam routine. The Club Gymnastics team was formed five years ago and has competed for three. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]



Row One: Kate Canterbury, Casey Gundersen, Kristen Ehrling, Katie Roberts, Emily Alves, Andrea Parilak, Dan Finn;
Row Two: Rachel Palenski, Jenny Baker, Anna Kewley, Jessica Rasich, Marisa Bortone, Amber Swann, Marisa Maring;
Row Three: Megan Bovei, Dana Edwards, Jenna Sturm, Sara Prochnow, Lindsay Molloy, Maura Goodrich, Alaina Cox, April Folkes.

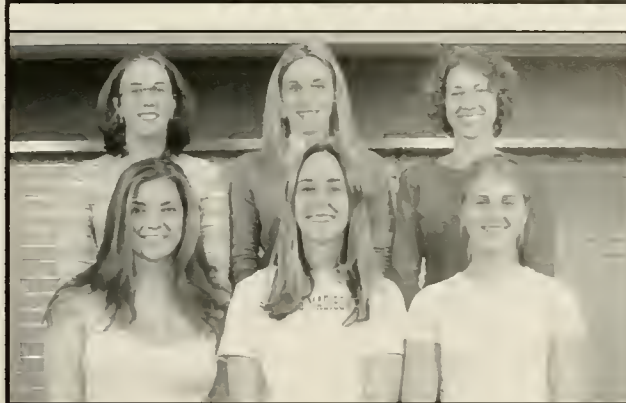


Landing on the mat, freshman Ashley Keller pauses in an elegant pose during her floor exercise. Club Gymnastics was ranked the top gymnastics team in Virginia [Photo by Jenny Yoo]





optimist kids klub



Row One: Jenni Green, Mara DeBeauvernet (president), Kristin Kasunich; **Row Two:** Michelle McDaniel, Jennifer Moore, Sarah Baughan (vice-president).

The Optimist Kids Klub was started four years ago when a group of students decided to begin a college branch of Optimist International, an international organization dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." Since the start up of the club, the organization expanded and adapted to Harrisonburg's needs. "Our primary purpose was to volunteer our time and dedicate our efforts to the children of the Harrisonburg community,"

said President Maria DeBeauvernet.

The club was involved in such projects as volunteering at local preschools by doing arts and crafts, as well as tutoring at elementary schools and participating in after-school programs. The club also participated in the "Monster Mash" in October at the Valley Mall. "It was awesome to see the expressions on the kids' faces when we worked with them," said DeBeauvernet.

by Leanne Chambers

phi gamma delta



Row One: Daniel D. Riley, Mark Anthony Scott II, Brendan L. Quirk, Gregory D. Kruger; **Row Two:** Michael Sacks, Brian Glass, Andrew Boyd, Jason M. Hart, Glenn J. Bukowski II; **Row Three:** Matthew J. Fortner (president), Anthony W. Selbe, Colin A. Watson, Kevin Brennan, Christopher D. Sampson, Benjamin D. Dickey.

The 35 brothers of the Mu Chi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, better known as FIJI, spent much time together through their chapter meetings, community service projects and fulfilling their mission to "promote lifelong friendships." They were actively involved in community service through their work with the Adopt-A-Spot Highway clean up program and Special Olympics as well as raised thousands of dollars for their national philanthropy, the Multiple Sclerosis

Foundation, by holding at least one fundraiser a semester.

Chartered in 1994, "FIJI has really provided the opportunity for our brothers to become leaders on campus and community activities," said President Marr Fortner. The fraternity sought to promote lifelong friendships, reaffirm high ethical standards and values, and foster personal development in the pursuit of excellence.

by Charlotte Dombrower

hermandad de sigma iota alpha

by Leanne Chambers

In the fall of 2000, a group of women came together to bring a sisterhood to the University that was based on the Latino culture and represented the goals of each of them. After much research of many Latina sororities, the women felt that Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. would be the best organization to bring to the University. The sorority was first founded nationally in September of 1990 in New York, and since then has grown to many chapters throughout the country. Since its inception on the campus, the sisters worked hard to meet the sorority's main goals increasing awareness of Latino cultures, promoting sisterhood and leadership among ourselves and serving as models of excellence in academics and achievements among women. Through the bonds of sisterhood, they developed leadership, scholarship, sportsmanship and friendship.

The sisterhood volunteered extensively throughout the community, as one of their main goals was community service.

They held a baby supply drive at Wal-Mart during the Fall Semester and held a baby shower for pregnant teen mothers, which was co-sponsored by AKA and Hand in Hand. They also held a Halloween kids party with La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Inc. During the Spring Semester, the sisters held a winter warmers drive, the proceeds of which were donated to the Mercy House. In April, they held an Easter party for less fortunate children in the community. "The Easter party event was a lot of fun," said senior Jessica Puentes. "We had games, prizes, painting eggs and lots of goodies. It was a great time."

The five women of the sorority were very tightly knit. Through their numerous community involvements and social events, the sisters were almost always together. "The sorority has changed my life and brought me closer together with my culture and the Latino community in Harrisonburg," said Puentes.

"Although we were small, we were powerful and made a difference in the community and our nation."



pi sigma epsilon

by Carrie Belt

Pi Sigma Epsilon was the nation's only professional, coeducational fraternity in marketing, sales management and selling.

PSE provided "everything I was looking for," Vice President of Administration sophomore Jenna Galloway said.

"Professionalism, service opportunities, brotherhood, and social activities" were a few of the reasons the organization initially appealed to Galloway and her brothers.

Vice President of Human Resources senior Erin Santanello said that the diversity of the members led to PSE being a "close-knit group." "We have individuals majoring not only in business, but such majors as communications, political

science, graphic design, and other fields of study."

The people, according to junior Joe Frisbie, learned skills together that "could provide you with the abilities to be successful in all aspects of your life and work," including community service work and professional networking.

The organization, along with learning marketing skills, boasted a long list of community service activities, spent much of their time volunteering in the community. They worked on diverse projects such as Adopt a Highway, blood drive sponsorships, Relay for Life and nursing home visits.



Row One: C. Tyler Adams, Michelle K. Jones, Angela Pinter, Katie Dawley, Kristin Wilhelm, Jennifer Clayton, Natalie Oden, Aimee N. Fawley; **Row Two:** Jaime M. Klear, Jenna L. Galloway, Erin Santanello, Erin McDonald, Kathleen Milone, Rachel Crosby, Jordan W. Archuletta, Dana Bolting, Christopher Hedrick, Joe Frisbie, Jennie Reed; **Row Three:** Matthew J. Novitsky, Philip Smiley, Tara Collins, Scott Sprouse, John Gibson, Lee Hallberg, Elizabeth Livesay, Nora McDonnell, Rochelle Reuter, Brian Millard.



Row One: Wilvia Espinoza, Marie D. Rosado, Jessica Puentes.



Talking to senior Kristin Parker, Sigma Iota Alpha members freshman Cynthia Guzman, junior Wilvia Espinoza and sophomore Jackie Casallas recruit during Student Organization Night. Sigma Iota Alpha, a hispanic sorority, served the University and the Harrisonburg community through volunteer work.
[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

pre-physical therapy society

by Nicole Maier

Focusing on preparing students for graduate school, the Pre-Physical Therapy Society offered a variety of events to help its members boost both their applications and resumes while meeting people with similar passions.

In 1992, when the society was founded, there were fewer than 20 members. Since the arrival of Jeff Konin, the group's advisor, the organization grew to over 60 by 2001. Most graduate schools required students to have a large number of volunteer hours and knowledge about the Physical Therapy field. In the society, students had the opportunity to hear speakers discuss aspects of the field, in

addition to touring local facilities and schools. "The main benefit of the society is Blackboard, where members can access information on PT schools throughout the U.S., scholarship opportunities, volunteer opportunities and other helpful links," said senior Jennifer Stone, the spring semester president.

Involvement in the society was a worthwhile experience for most and many members volunteered in events such as the Special Olympics and Up 'Til Dawn. The society was also involved in activities with the Sunnyside Retirement Home, and held dances for the Association for Retarded Citizens.



Row One: Karen Hanline (Social Chair), Ashley Cook, Kristen Timmel, Karen Kupelian (Secretary); Row Two: Shannon Kennedy (Vice President), Lucas Buchholz, Amanda M. Lee, Elizabeth Rorrer (Fundraising Chair), Jan Hart; Row Three: Kyle Davis, Molly Shepherd, Jennifer Stone (President), Elizabeth Ward (Treasurer), Kimberly Rogers, Ardaith Winslow.

into hymn

Members of Into Hymn, Megan Perry, Amy Lingarnfelter and Meg Skipper sing at the ZTA Breast Cancer Awareness concert. The all girls a cappella group was the only Christian group to perform.

by Angela Norcross

Kerri Pritchard and Christy Hartford were in the same cognitive psychology class in fall of 1999 and decided they wanted to begin singing again, as they had in high school. By spring of 2000, Into Hymn had been formed with the goal of having Jesus Christ as its main focus. In 2003, as one of seven a cappella groups on campus, it was the only group singing all Christian songs. The all-female group felt they were given a gift and called to a mission in sharing Christ's message of life through their performances.

Due to their mission, to spread the love of Christ, Into Hymn performed at several different venues other a cappella groups did not visit. On campus, they performed at Sunset on The Quad during Homecoming and the ZTA breast cancer benefit concert. The girls also sang at Up 'Till Dawn, a unity lock-in and the Big Brothers Big Sisters Christmas party.

The group went on several retreats, such as TARU, and performed at churches. Into Hymn continued working on their second CD while pursuing a full schedule.

Senior Laurie Brooks said, "On these trips we always have a blast just being crazy and girly and having the slumber party atmosphere."

Their repertoire was all Christian songs, for example "In Your Eyes," by Nichole Nordeman. Sophomore April Paynter was a vocal percussionist on the song and said, "I have a lot of fun with it, especially when we perform it for an upbeat crowd." They also premiered "My Glorious," and "Shine Your Light." "In your Eyes," was created as a group sitting around a CD player listening to the song.

The girls quickly grew close. Paynter said, "The best part of being in the group is sisterhood. I immediately had a group of seventeen best friends who didn't care if I had a bad hair day and were always there for me no matter what." Junior Kelley Martin said, "I have never known more beautiful, caring, loving or God-fearing women as these."

Row One: Erica L. Westcott, Heidi A. Guarino, Kelley L. Martin, Meg J. Skipper, Julie M. Kupelian, Megan Lea Perry; **Row Two:** Shay N. Richards, H. Brittany Miron, Ashlee N. Harris, Chelsea M. Young, Laurie E. Brooks; **Row Three:** Allison M. Bouley, M. Amy Lingarnfelter, Lauren Crapser, Kristin Sandberg, April Paynter; **Not Pictured:** Johanna Lloyd, Ashley Moore.



The a cappella group Into Hymn harmonizes for their member giving an amazing solo performance. They captivated the audience at their Parents Weekend performance. [Photo by Brandi Duck]





what was student organization services?

A service that provided programming, resources, support and events for all of the groups recognized through the SOS office and the University.

What was SOS's mission?

"We believe organizational involvement empowers students. Therefore, we provide opportunities, resources, and support so that students become educated and enlightened citizens who lead meaningful and productive lives."

What was SOS's newest service addition?

The Club House: a resource center that could be used by all recognized clubs and organizations.

What kinds of resources did the SOS Club House offer organizations?

Various supplies to organizations, and also held workshops that helped promote leadership skills, activities and organization within clubs. For example, in the fall various beneficial workshops were offered for organization leaders and their members such as "Facilitating a Meeting," "Executive Board Member Transition," "Planning a Retreat," and "Membership Recruitment."

How did organizations join the SOS Club House in order to take advantage of its resources?

first

Organizations turned in their Annual Registration Form into Student Organization Services.

second

Organizations completed a registration form and paid the registration fee. The annual fee was only \$20.00 or \$30.00 depending on the type of organization.

third

Organizations provided the names of students in their organization that would be using the Club House resources.

by Charlotte
Dombrower



Discussing financial matters, junior Stephanie Bishop, treasurer, and senior Jennifer Temill, VSA Coordinator, plan the spring budget. At the meeting, they planned for their functions for the new pledge class. [Photo by Emily Dursi]



by Nicole Maier

Kappa Pi, the international art and art history honor fraternity, spent the year making a positive impact on both the campus and community, while building friendships between the brothers.

The fraternity's focus in community service was reflected in a number of activities the members organized or participated in. "It is important for college students to interact with the community and if they can do so in a positive manner, it makes for a very rewarding experience," said senior Amy Lynn Burkert, a fifth year art major and a third year member.

Burkert described Kappa Pi's Very Special Arts Festival as the highlight of being in the fraternity. The annual event was a day of arts and crafts for special education children from Valley.

The brothers also gave their time to help with events such as the Gallery Walk, an evening where the public and students were invited to visit all the local museums and galleries. On campus, they painted a mural for the University Recreation

Center janitor's break room in addition to arranging an art and t-shirt sale. They also assisted with Portfolio Review days, which were for incoming freshmen to bring in their portfolios in for helpful suggestions from art majors.

Involvement in those projects and with the fraternity left its members with personal benefits as well. "Kappa Pi has helped me communicate better with peers and strangers," said senior Patrick Bredland, secretary of the fraternity. His leadership role was, as Bredland said, "constantly teaching me, challenging me and preparing me for life outside college."

Senior Robin Walker, president, also found it to be a satisfying experience. "I have gained leadership skills, met other artists that help me with my art, and made great friends," said Walker.

Kappa Pi made a place for their group within both the local and campus area.

"Our mission is to spread art throughout the community," said Walker. "I hope that others will learn more about art and its impact on society."

pro motion

by Ashley McClelland

PROMotion, Peers Reaching Others through Motion, worked to educate students of all ages about healthy life styles, but mainly focused on helping young children to become more fit.

"PROMotion is a volunteer educational group, which promotes a healthy lifestyle for students of all ages. This healthy lifestyle is promoted through both physical and educational programs," said senior Kim Winn.

Outside of teaching fitness, the group also participated in fundraisers on campus to raise money for their program. "Our biggest fundraiser is Kid's Night Out. This event is when parents can drop their kids

off at UREC from 5-9 and we play educational games with them, as well as have fitness classes, rock climbing, and the kids get to play in the pool," said Winn.

The group was composed of 12 UREC Group Fitness instructors. "We mainly work with kids, which is always full of fun," said Winn. "There are many lessons that can teach you about keeping children's attention and relating fitness and wellness information so that they can understand."

According to Winn, the group was close because they all taught aerobics together at UREC. "We work extremely well together," she said.



Row One: Mary Phillips (President), Christine Reustle, Natalie Ferber, Lisa M. Angely, Kim Winn (President); **Row Two:** Jeni Cox (Leadership and Scheduling Committee Chair), Erin Ries, Shawn Ryan (Fundraising); **Row Three:** Alissa Wunder, Vanessa Langholz (Marketing Committee Chair), Shabnam Islam, Alexis Antalis; **Not Pictured:** Elizabeth Kerestes, Sandy Lantz.



Row One: Gui Dan Cheng, Robin Walker (President), Cat Olin, Laura Clark, Leah Jester, Morgan Neil (Historian); **Row Two:** Deborah Plumley (Vice President), Hayley Shaw, Kyle Reed, Lauren Dickey, Stephanie Bishop; **Row Three:** Patrick Bredland (Secretary), Keith Poole (Treasurer), Sarah Dreist, Jennifer Terrill, Nadia Mercer (Social Chair), Holly Lotts; **Row Four:** Rachel H. Easley, Melinda A. Tucker, Lauren Sadler, Rachel Buchholz, Elizabeth Casper.



Holding up a new shirt, senior Catherine Olin shows the top 10 reasons to be an art kid. The coed fraternity participated in such events as the Gallery Walk and the Very Special Arts Festival.

[Photo by Emily Dursa]

psi chi



Row One: Deanna Rella, Melissa Shulleeta (President), Mary Huntsberry (Secretary), Betsy Williams, Ashley Moore, Kristen Garza; **Row Two:** Megan Forrester (Vice President), Jennifer Burnett, Jenna Meshanko, Matt Thomas, Shannon Mabry, Amy Phillippi.

by Cary Bell

Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychology, promoted excellence in scholarship and in the advancing science of psychology. "The JMU chapter of Psi Chi achieves this goal by gathering these qualified students together in an honor society, and offering activities and benefits that academically enrich their minds," said President senior Melissa Shulleeta.

There were several requirements for induction into Psi Chi. Students were candidates after they completed three semesters at the University, nine credits in psychology courses, had a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 and a GPA in psychology of 3.5. Not only did students

in Psi Chi have to meet all of these requirements; they also had to exhibit high standards of personal behavior in all of their endeavors.

Psi Chi offered several opportunities for members to attend meetings with speakers from many different fields of psychology. Also, Psi Chi began a grant to be offered for active members who were in need of financial support for travel and other research oriented activities and conferences. According to Shulleeta, the grant was offered to members who were of Gold Status. Gold Status was achieved by earning 75 percent of possible points offered from participating in events.

the madison project

by Angela Norcross

“Take my hand and we’ll make it I swear. Whooh. Livin’ on a prayer.” Senior Chuck Stollery’s voice cut through the air as the rest of The Madison Project crescendoed and changed keys as the their rendition of Bon Jovi’s “Livin’ on a Prayer” came to an end.

Founded in 1996, The Madison Project was the first a cappella group on campus. They released four CDs since their formation, the latest being *Rockstar* in January of 2003. They worked on a new album beginning in the fall and continued its production into the spring.

They had fun while putting on a great show for every audience. The group’s stage presence sparked energy in the crowd, which fed right back to the stage. When performing, the group always seemed to be having fun. Junior Liz O’Neill said, “I think they have great stage presence. They get up there

and perform and have a great attitude about what they are doing.”

The Madison Project performed a diverse repertoire and this musical variety was a big attraction for the audience. Their vocal percussion made the sound luscious and mixed with the Project’s creative arranging, the group sounded bigger than the fourteen guys filling the stage.

The Project entertained the campus at many social functions throughout the year. These events included Safe Rides, Multiple Sclerosis fundraiser and the ZTA Breast Cancer Benefit Concert. They also performed at the a cappella fall invitational at North Carolina State.

Through all of the night practices the group became great friends. Paul Puckett grew incredibly close to the guys. He said, “They’re like my family, my brothers, my frat. I’ve met some great people.”

Madison Project put on a huge year-end concert that required the most planning of any concert during the year. The year-end concerts brought closure to the group and allowed the guys a chance to say a public goodbye and thank you to graduating seniors which they said was “an experience [they] will never forget.”



Row One: C. Ryan McAllister, Seamus O’Connor, Graham Cochran, Andrew Rozier-Smolon; **Row Two:** Andrew C. Price, Matthew R. Spray, Paul B. Puckett, Ben Tomko, Matthew Skirven; **Row Three:** Jordan Herzog, Matthew Harrison, Keith Kahr, Chuck Stollery.



While his fellow Madison Project members provide the melody, senior Chuck Stollery sings his lead part. The Parents Weekend audience gave a roaring applause as they closed the evening of a cappella singing
[Photo by Jenny Yoo]





Performing to a packed College Center, junior Kyle Busey sings "Angels of Silence." The Madison Project was the first a cappella group at the University, created in 1996.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Singing Elton John's "Your Song," Graham Cochrane performs for the Parents Weekend crowd "Your Song" was one of many popular renditions on their most recent CD, Rockstar.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]



Stepping out from his usual role as vocal percussionist, senior Ben Tomko performs a solo. The Madison Project was just one of many organizations present at Zeta's Breast Cancer Awareness Concert.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



national society of collegiate scholars

Eating dinner at the Snowflake Fall, members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars enjoy the event. A 3.4 GPA was the minimum requirement for membership in NSCS.
Photo by Chris Burchan/HI

by Leanne Chambers

The primary goal of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars was to promote leadership scholarship and service throughout the University and Harrisonburg community. Members were invited to join by the National headquarters in the spring of their freshman or sophomore year if they met the requirement of a 3.4 GPA or higher. They then paid a lifetime membership fee and were inducted into the club.

Diversity was important in the club, as its members ranged from freshmen to fifth-year seniors from all different majors, backgrounds and interests. "It's a group that strives to serve the community and this campus through different events and we try and use our talent to do that, so everyone is able to be a leader in our organization," said Secretary junior Christine Yip.

The club participated in many different community service projects throughout the year. "Our members volunteer their time in the community through over 20

different committees, each dedicated to accomplishing a different service or leadership activity," said senior President William Ballough. "We adopted a unit at Sunnyside retirement, worked with children in CCCA participated in Relay for Life and Up 'Til Dawn, did Stuff-a-Bus, which works with donations to Mercy House," said Yip. "And those were just our big things!"

Because the group was so large, a core group of about 50 members attended events and meetings on a regular basis. "Many of the other members participated in one time events throughout the year such as the MS Walk, or things of that nature," said Yip.

The five member executive board worked hard to create different events and projects for their members. "Our goal as officers is to keep fresh ideas in the NSCS so that other members can continue to make a difference in the community," said Ballough. "Because there are so many different interests among us, I'm able to learn a lot about new things and count on my fellow peers to compliment me in an area that's not my strength," said Yip.



rotaract club

by Angela Norcross

Founded in 1995 and affiliated with Rotary Club International, Rotaract worked hard to aid the community. Rotaract intended to help members develop professional and leadership skills, serve their communities and promote goodwill, and gain a greater understanding of the world around them. Throughout the year, Rotaract visited the Price Rotary Senior Center, where they played bingo and did crafts with the seniors. Also, at the SPCA animal shelter, the club helped take care of the animals.

In the fall, Rotaract helped with an elementary school carnival and at Halloween they participated in Trick-or-Treat

for Unicef. During the holiday season, Rotaract raised money to buy gifts for a Harrisonburg family in need. In the spring, they continued their community outreach by helping with a community clothes closet, participating in activities at Sunnyside Retirement Center and planning Up 'Til Dawn.

Rotaract improved the lives of people in the community through their extensive service and philanthropic activities. Senior President Diana Brookes said, "I have been able to participate in a wide variety of service activities, which enabled me to meet and interact with many members of the Harrisonburg community. Rotaract has made my experience here at JMU very fulfilling."



Row One: Diana Brookes (President), Jen Desborough (Vice-President of Community Service); **Row Two:** Elizabeth Kilmer (Secretary), Brian E. Turner, Lindsey Jones (Fundraising).



Row One: Melissa Peters, Christine Yip, Bill Ballough, Jamie Poe, Kathleen Lemker; **Row Two:** Lindsey A Cheverton, Stephanie A. Ericson, Katie Aufderhaar, Leslie Cassagne, Meg Jacobs; **Row Three:** Molly E. Ashby, Lindsay N. Miller, Becky Dayton, Allison K. Rossi, Serwah Kufuor.



Reflecting on the Snowflake Ball, members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars take a break from dancing. NSCS was the largest organization at the University, with over 1000 members.

[Photo by Jenny Yoo]

club **softball**



Row One: Jen Rudy (SCC Representative), Dena Kubich (Treasurer), Leigh Ann White (President), Danielle DeSilvis (Vice-President), Sarah Kelbaugh (Secretary); **Row Two:** Mason Herndon (Manager), Anna Baumgartner, Jamie Swisher, Robin Smith, Joe Polasek (Manager); **Row Three:** Krystle Battistelli, Lisa Taff, Ashley Moyer, Anne Valeant.

by Leanne Chambers

The primary goal of the Women's Club Softball team was to allow players to continue to play at a competitive level while still having fun. "Being part of the team offered a sense of belonging among such a large University, and a chance to make new friends," said President junior Leigh Ann White.

The team, which consisted of 16 players, practiced three times a week for two hours each day in the fall. In the spring, their main season, the girls practiced five days a week for two hours each day. The

team competed against club teams from UNC, ECU, Penn State, UVA, VA Tech, Wakeforest and other schools along the East Coast. The team went to California for Nationals in the spring and saw competition from schools like University of Southern California. Last season, the team finished fourth in the nation at Nationals held at Virginia Tech.

"Through Club Softball, I have made friendships that will last a lifetime and have enjoyed still being able to play the sport I love at a competitive level," said White.

new and improv'd

by Angela Norcross

Founded in 1999, New and Improv'd mainly functioned to make the campus laugh and relieve some of the anxiety surrounding schoolwork and everyday activities. Always thinking on their feet with a quick sense of humor, the members of New and Improv'd succeeded in making the most uptight people laugh. Senior Will Ogle joined the group because, "I love making people laugh. I thought improv looked like a lot of fun and I wanted to try it out. It also provides me with an excuse to be goofy." The group did several shows throughout the year, two of the most prominent events being the Tour de Farce series and the Parents Weekend performance. New and Improv'd hosted Tour de Farce at the beginning of the year, enabling them to venture to various residence halls on campus.

New and Improv'd also held a themed residence hall show in Wayland Hall in November with the theme of "Clue." In addition to performing for the residents,

prizes were awarded and students had the opportunity to participate in games. Students were encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Clue character or weapon. The fifth annual Improv Bowl occurred in January, but for New and Improv'd the year culminated in the group's pilgrimage in February to the Dirty South Improv Festival in North Carolina. Organized by Chicago improvisation troupes, it brought together improv groups from around the nation and gave New and Improv'd the opportunity to work with well-known improv comedians.

With such a small group, these students grew close. Junior Lisa Aikman said, "My favorite part is just improv'ing. It's great to be part of a small, close-knit group like this because it makes you feel special within such a large JMU student body."

Woodhouse said, "Improv isn't really something you can do by yourself, and so good group dynamics is incredibly important. Our group dynamics? If there was such a thing as a group dynamo-meter, our scores would be through the roof."



Row One: Lisa Aikman, Bryan Bach, Guy Ridge, Christina Broucher; **Row Two:** Brett Bovio, Selchuk Koruturk, Dan Hodos, Doug Woodhouse; **Not Pictured:** William Ogle, William Howard.



Engaging in a dramatic death scene, Bill Howard pretends to be stabbed by Selchuk Koruturk. New and Improv'd was a campus organization since 1999. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]



With Halloween approaching, Selchuk Koruturk dresses as a pimp and Christina Boucher sports their group t-shirts "New and Improv'd." New and Improv'd has performed many acts through the year. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]

Standing in a square, Selchuk Koruturk, Brayn Bach, and Lisa Aikman perform their last act for Eagle Hall residents. New and Improv'd was dressed in Halloween costumes in preparation for the holiday weekend. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]



Working off a resident's idea, Bill Howard, Doug Woodhouse and Dan Hodos stage a comical haircutting experience. New and Improv'd performed comedic skits without prepared material. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]

note-oriety

by Leanne Chambers

Note-oriety's main purpose was to entertain. This all-female cappella group sang together on a constant basis—during practices, concerts and sometimes even during free time.

Founded in 1998 by Kelly Myer and Bonnie Estes, the group was the first all-female cappella group on campus. Mentored by such groups as The Madison Project and The Overtones, it was built on a foundation of determination, success and friendship, and those characteristics were still present.

The girls spent a great deal of time together, from having practice three times a week, to concerts, to spending time with each other in their spare time. "After you spend that much time with a group of people and still want to be together, you know you've formed a unique bond," said Business Manager Pam Hoover. Through the different executive positions, group members were provided with the opportunity to take a leadership position in the group.

The group released their last CD two years ago. "We are working towards putting out another CD by the end of this year or by early next year," said Hoover.

The group performed many times throughout the year. They performed at such campus events as Sunset on The Quad and the Parent's Weekend concert, as well as at several fundraisers for ZTA's Breast Cancer Awareness Concert, Student Ambassadors' Carrie Kutner Benefit Concert and Up 'Til Dawn. They also performed at local nursing homes and traveled to other schools along the East Coast such as UNC and Clemson. Covering songs by artists such as Whitney Houston and Tori Amos, the group never failed to entertain. "It was important for us to sing at benefit concerts," said Hoover. "It was a way for us to give back."

Most importantly however, Note-oriety was comprised of a group of friends. The friendships that were created were lasting and memorable. "The girls of Note-oriety are my best friends," said Hoover. "They are some of the most talented, intelligent, loyal, enjoyable people I have ever met, and I feel so grateful for the experiences I've shared with them."



Row One: Deena M. Khalil, Ashley Bulala, Quynh Nguyen, Jo Lewis, Carolyn Hilton, Colleen Burke; **Row Two:** Shelley Milam, Pamela Hoover, Katie Coteman, Heather Glynn, Lauren Starck, Jillian Kelleher.



Singing at a cappella-thon, senior Katie Coleman of Note-oriety performs in front of parents. Note-oriety was founded in 1999. [Photo by Jenny Yoo]





Performing in Grafton-Stovel Theatre, Heather Glynn and senior Pam Hoover sing, "Possession." Note-oriety helped promote the ZTA Breast Cancer Awareness concert. [Photo by Morgan Hehl]



student athletic trainers association



Row One: Chris G. Schwizer, Lindsay A. Borst, Katie Peacock (president), Robin Yuspeh, Jenn Rosinski, Jason Hillar; **Row Two:** Sarah Firebaugh, Holly Hewitt, Jean Knecht, Jason Hand, Laura Boyer; **Row Three:** Heather Walter, Katie Hohn, Michelle Beery, Beth Schermerhorn; **Row Four:** Sabrina N. Rosson, Eri Fuchigami, Elizabeth Wheless, Ern Davidson

Student Athletic Trainers Association worked throughout the year to increase interest in athletic training by working to educate others on the training and requirements needed to become an athletic trainer. Most of the club members majored in kinesiology or health sciences with a concentration in Athletic Training. Meeting Mondays in the human services building, together they planned fundraisers and social events.

The organization was begun to help

student trainers become acquainted with each other and take part in events outside of athletics. SATA sponsored students to attend conferences for athletic training organizations. The club was involved with Virginia Athletic Trainers Association, Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association and the National Athletic Trainers Association. SATA also participated in Relay for Life in the spring.

by Angela Norcross

students for minority outreach



Row One: Ericka D. Floyd, Tonisha Harrison, Shelby R. Giles, Monique L. Cox; **Row Two:** Morgan D. Dye, Angela D. Edmondson, Sarah B. Lee, Adriane A. Mason, Donaldalda E. Harding; **Row Three:** Arthur T. Dean (Advisor), Krystal D. Garrett, Jacquelyn C. Alexander, Ashley D. Parks, Lynsie P. Lewis, L. Patrice Wade, Adam C. Powell.

The members of Students for Minority Outreach had a main goal to retain and recruit minority students to the University. They worked with the admissions office and the University as a whole to help the school reach its goal to become a more diverse institution. Members organized "Take a Look Day" in November. "Minority students were invited to the University to view the school from a

multi-cultural perspective," said President Donaldalda Harding. There were recruitment days in the spring as well, after acceptance to the University.

The club was once a part of the Black Student Alliance. In 1998, it branched off and became its own organization with a specific focus on minority recruitment.

by Leanne Chambers

the overtones

by Angela Norcross

The Overtones was founded September 6, 1997 as the first coed a cappella group on campus. From 1997 to spring 2003, the group succeeded in producing three CDs. The Overtones was composed of eighteen members, nine males and nine females. While quite diverse on a personal level, they came together to make music. Senior and President Andrew Hart commented on how The Overtones was more than an a cappella group, "It's been wonderful to see the group dynamics flourish and change."

The group practiced two hours twice a week to achieve perfection in their singing. Junior Anthony Harston said of practice, "We take about five to ten minutes to warm up, sing the national anthem, and then work on new and old songs."

Campus involvement included a concert benefiting Safe Rides and participating in Sunset on The Quad to celebrate

Homecoming. The group ventured to the University of Michigan in October to sing at A Cappella-Palooza. They also managed to squeeze recording two songs for an a cappella competition into their busy schedule.

Over and over, members described The Overtones as one big happy family. In November, they invited alumni back for Thanksgiving dinner and everyone, old and new members, celebrated together. Senior Music Director, Hilary Davies frequently hosted these dinners and said, "It's fun to bring the family back together and catch up on life. I look forward to it more than anything the entire year."

The unifying bond of the group was their desire to come together and give music back to the campus community. Davies explained, "We exist as a group to make music and give it to others. Every single person on this planet has amazing talents and unique gifts born to them to share with the rest of the world. We simply come together, unify those individual talents and turn it back out for others to have."



Row One: Russel Silber, Anthony Harston, Ashley Moore, Corinne Grosser; **Row Two:** Hilary Davies (Music Director), Danielle Moretti, Lisa Reznor, Alan Crouch, Tim McCleerey; **Row Three:** Pete Haenlein, John Curtis, Andrew Hart (President), Chris Bassett, Jabarie Brown; **Not Pictured:** Sara Tomko, Alison Alderman, Kirsten Riegler, Kerry Johnson.



Headlining "Radio" by the Corrs, senior Music Director Hilary Davies leads the Overtones at an event for Student Ambassadors. In the past six years the Overtones have recorded three CDs.

[Photo by Brandi Duck]



Singing "Wheres The Party At," Jabarie Brown and the Overtones entertain the audience at Sunset on The Quad. The Overtones were the first coed a cappella group. [Photo by Brandi Duck]



tau beta sigma



Row 1: Heather Wetzel, Nikki Brehm, Summer Joy, Lisa Jeffers, Emily Bentz; **Row 2:** Melissa Foder, Kathy Compton, Teresa Ricciardi, Lesha Leonard, Nicole Thomas; **Not Pictured:** Laura Anderson, Tess Wardell.

Tau Beta Sigma was an honorary band society for females who were involved in the Marching Royal Dukes. They were a fraternity committed to band and music service. Members brought the music they had learned through school and band into the community. They worked to promote the existence and prosperity of their own band as well as other collegiate bands. They also attempted to create respect and appreciation for

band activities and achievements within the University and the Harrisonburg community, while working to gain regional and national recognition.

Tau Beta Sigma was established in 1985 as a branch of the coed band fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi. They were created to provide sisterhood to female band members, as well as honor women in the field of music and band.

by Charlotte Dombrower

tau kappa epsilon



Row 1: Nicholas T. Ward, Matthew P. Evans, Jacob E. Smith, Milo Dwyer; **Row 2:** Matthew Healy, Alex White, Danny Moore, Miles Miller, Brian Marques, Brian DuBoff; **Row 3:** David Seidman, Nicholas Rotteveel, David Smith, David Nebinski, Brandon White, Will Prendergast.

Tau Kappa Epsilon was a male fraternity built on strong brotherhood and commitment to the campus. They prided themselves on academics, athletics and their own personal development. Members attempted to strengthen themselves mentally, physically and intellectually while providing service to the community. They engaged in community service activities at Purcell Park to contribute to the Harrisonburg community, while

participating in social activities as well.

The Mu Tau chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon was founded in 1969, the oldest fraternity at the University. They were first housed in what is now the Joshua Wilton house. Later they moved to an on-campus house on Greek Row and eventually, they moved back off-campus to 635 South Main Street, where they currently reside.

by Charlotte Dombrower

panhellenic council

by Carrie Belt

The Panhellenic council was the student-run governing body for the eight social sororities on campus. Panhellenic, which meant "All Greek," included all women who were part of a Greek organization in its membership. Fifteen percent of students at the University were members of a Greek organization.

Members elected from each of the sororities ran the Panhellenic Executive Board. They served one-year terms and acted as the voice for their particular sorority on varying committees.

As part of the official Panhellenic Creed, members of sororities vowed to "stand for good scholarship, guarding good health, maintain fine standards and serve to the best of [their] ability the college community."

In addition, they pledged "service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship... the opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness." The creed stressed member involvement in both individual sororities

as well as the community.

One of the council's largest community-service efforts was a food drive they co-sponsored with the Student Government Association and other organizations in November. According to senior Clark Nesselrodt, director of communication for the SGA, the goal of the drive was to raise three tons of food for the local food-bank, Patchwork Pantry.

In February, the council co-sponsored with SGA a visit from Ace and Mallory, stars of last year's MTV's *Real World: Paris*. The event cost students only \$2 to attend and was so popular that it had to be moved from PC Ballroom to the College Center Grand Ballroom.

Allison Schmitt, treasurer for the council, said that the individual involvement by members of the council in all areas of the community were what made her most proud to be a member of the council. "We were able to coordinate programs, leadership training, brings speakers to campus and conduct workshops not only for the Greek community, but the entire JMU campus as well," Schmitt said. "My favorite thing about Panhellenic was being able to work with amazing men and women from all different Greek organizations."



Row One: Elizabeth Hamner (Vice President of New Member Education), Allison Schmitt (Vice President of Finance), Rebecca Maas (Vice President of Standards and Judicial), Jacqueline Buccarelli (Vice President of Public Relations); **Row Two:** Lori Rinehard (Secretary, Vice President of Committees), Maura Yost (Vice President of Recruitment), Abbe Schubert (President), Jessa Mickelson (President Elect), Holly Arnold (Community Service).



Smiling for the camera, junior Rebecca Maas and senior Jacki Buccarelli pause for a moment at a party. Members of Panhellenic Council became close friends because of the extensive amount of time the group spent together. [Photo courtesy of Allison Schmitt]





During a social gathering, Panhellenic members seniors Jacki Buccarelli, and Allison Schmitt take time for a quick snapshot. Members spent time in and out of Panhellenic Council to get to know each other.

[Photo courtesy of Allison Schmitt]

Posing for a picture on the row, the Rho Chis take a break during recruitment. Rho Chis were disaffiliated sorority members who guided girls through rush week.

[Photo courtesy of Allison Schmitt]



Celebrating the beginning of recruitment at a group dinner, seniors Amanda Jordan and Liz Hamner show off their sombreros. All members of Panhellenic were disaffiliated from their sororities during recruitment.

[Photo courtesy of Allison Schmitt]



phi sigma pi

by Leanne Chambers

Phi Sigma Pi was a coeducational national honor fraternity for students of all majors. The fraternity was based on fellowship, scholarship and leadership. It provided students with an opportunity to form life-long friendships and be a part of a strong, diverse brotherhood.

Phi Sigma Pi dedicated many hours to community service. The 99 members raised money and volunteered time to their national philanthropy, Teach for America, as well as their chapter philanthropy, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society. They held a 5K race in the fall that helped benefit MS as well as a scholarship they worked to establish in memory of their brother Megan Stidham, who passed away in the fall of 2001. This past fall, the race raised \$6000. The group also held an MS Sleep-Out twice this past year, where over \$500 was raised. Various groups around campus performed at the event, including Madison Dance Club,

Break Dance Club, Exit 245 and New and Improv'd. "During the Sleep Out, we collected change on the Commons and had a sober pong game where the participants tried to get their change into cups," said President Esther Gertin. The group also held dinner fundraisers at Biltmore Grille and RT's Chicken where a percentage of the sales went to the National MS Society.

Aside from their philanthropies, the brothers also raised money for the American Cancer Society, participated in canned food drives to benefit Patchwork Pantry, a local food bank, and adopted a highway. "Our brothers donate a lot out of their own pockets as well," said Gertin. "We sponsored a baby in the surrounding area that we lovingly called our 'Phi Sig baby.' The gifts and money we donated was fully funded by personal money donations and clothes or toys that brothers donated out of the goodness of their hearts."



Row One: Ester Gertin (President), Jessica Christin, Brycie Smith, Katelin Moran, E. Deaderick, Jason Moore, Ashley Bickford, Drew Jordan, Candice Flandrau; **Row Two:** Jen Greenleaf, Jennifer Adu, Christine Yip, Whitney Atkins, Megan Inouye, Jen Dascher, Alison Villarivera, James Hamdani, Cristin Grady, Danielle Wonkovich, John Ellison, Molly Baker, Lauren Tramonte; **Row Three:** Jessica Avison, Elisa Renee Ahern, Ilana Roth, Beckie Bolduc, Emily Armitage, Kathleen Dion, Kristina Austin, Jennifer Lansing, Erin McMATH, Jennifer Love, Cherie Brown, Katie Beiderman, Allison Crawford; **Row Four:** Erin Cassidy, Katie Wright, Katie Freind, Krista Russo, Lindsay Crouch, Laura Gunlicks, Jessica James, Catherine Edmonds, Meredith West, Kelly Johnson, Dana Casendino.



Presenting a schedule of events to members of Phi Sigma Pi, rush chairs junior Lauren Zangardi and senior Dan Finn lead a group meeting. Requirements for joining the organization were to have completed one semester of college with a GPA of 3.0. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Jumping above his opponent, the goalie for one of the Phi Sigma Pi soccer teams catches the ball. Intramural soccer tournaments were held at UREC during November and December.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Bringing the weekly meeting to order, sophomore Aaron Cattell reads the agenda. Phi Sigma Pi was a national honor fraternity that strove to uphold scholarship, leadership and fellowship.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Collecting donations, a Phi Sigma Pi sister attempts to get the attention of passing students on the Commons. The Multiple Sclerosis Society was the chapter's philanthropy.
[Photo by Sara Woodward]

sigma alpha iota

by Leanne Chambers

The Gamma Iota chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota strove to promote music throughout the campus community, nation and around the world. The 33 sisters came together for social and service events throughout the year. The fraternity held rush at the beginning of each semester and was open to all women, regardless of whether or not they met the requirements specified. "We searched out college women that loved music—and that included many non-music majors," said junior Adrienne Issi. "We welcomed all college women who had attended the University for at least one semester and had attended at least one music class to participate in rush."

The members participated in many service events throughout the year. In the fall, the sisters held a canned food drive for local food banks. They volunteered as pet socializers at the SPCA and knitted and crocheted squares to turn into a quilt and donate to the Mercy House. They also volunteered extensively through the School of Music.

The members shared a strong sense of sisterhood through the common bond of music. Since many of the members were involved extensively with music, whether it was by being a major, in a singing group or the marching band, it was difficult at times to have every sister at every event. "Despite that, we all cared for each sister and provided each other with strong emotional bonds," said Issi. "All of the sisters were very caring and nurturing and this sisterhood was a great support for me through rough times, and has been there to celebrate my accomplishments."

The Gamma Iota chapter was founded on December 7, 1958 when the University was still Madison College. In 1971, First Lady Pat Nixon was initiated as a Patroness Member. Their first Friend of the Arts was Sue Baylor, who worked in the School of Music Main Office. "I've seen the love of music do amazing things in people's lives, and I've seen the bond that music has made between us," said Issi. "I am so proud of the sisterhood in all that it has provided for those needing support and SAI has greatly enriched my life!"



Singing the national anthem, juniors Sarah Elliott, Johanna Lloyd, sophomores Erica Westcott, juniors Lisa Kuchy, Adrienne Issi, and seniors Sarah Frank and Kathy Hollock come together at the last home football game. SAI was comprised of 33 sisters. [Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

Row One: Kathy Hallock, Sarah Elliott, Adrienne Issi, Lisa Tyson; **Row Two:** Ashley Langford, Darcie Roberge, Megan Kelly, Tiffany Truslow, Cassie Turek; **Row Three:** Kristen Green, Jillian Tschohl, Nicole Sweet, Beth Abrams, Sarah Frank, Lisa Kuchy; **Not Pictured:** Johanna Lloyd, Beth Maskey, Elizabeth Menzie, Lauren Paradise, Glenda Roberts, Jessie Sutherland, Ashley Trumpler, Tina Ghandchilar, Emily Hardin, Jenny Howard, Kristen Hummerston, Jennifer Baxter, Colleen Burke, Jinju Carlson, Jennifer Converse, Kim Witt, Erica Westcott, Kate Bosnick, Megan Kelley.



Skating at a fall rush event, sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota have fun at Skate Town USA. The Gamma Iota Chapter was founded in 1958. [Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]





ultimate frisbee



Row One: Suzanne Davis, Jen Murphy, Bekah Mauldin, Lindsay Adrean, Matthew Eddy, Toby Jacobs, Alison Highfill, Laura M. Folse, **Row Two:** Lisa Pelegrin, Danielle Carbone, Lindsey Downes, Lauren Montgomery, Ashley Cavell, Colleen Powers, Ellie Loveman, Bonnie Ludka, **Row Three:** Coriena Reynolds, Julia Lucas, Adam Trunzo, Kacie Warner, David Grampslacy, James Medeiros, Dan Curran, Joe Davison, Stephen Atwell, **Row Four:** Michael Michiganii, Drew Bolton, Justin Illuzzi, Russell Morris, Jeff Briggs, James Rapp, P.J. Williamson, Matthew Barker, Alex Sirney

The Ultimate Frisbee Club consisted of men and women dedicated to the up and coming sport of Ultimate Frisbee. The primary purpose of the club was to promote Frisbee and have fun playing the sport. They allowed anyone to play on the team and no experience was needed. "We do not make cuts so anyone who wants to can play. This makes the atmosphere really welcoming to new people, even in the middle of the semester," said women's club President Lindsay Adrean.

The team had a lot of fun while competing and learning the unique sport. Adrean added, "I think that our team is a great way for girls to meet new people and play a fun sport without having to deal with the pressure of try-outs." Members practiced four days a week and attended tournaments all over the area.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club began five years ago as a coed team, with only a few girls. In 2002, the girls formed a team for women only.

by Charlotte Dombrower

university program board



Row One: Keri Schlosser, Meghan L. Wirt, Shannon Mahoney, Marjilla Seddiq, Lindsay Puddy; **Row Two:** Adam A Hoover, Amanda J. Jordan, Meredith R. Weiss, Darci E. Contri; **Row Three:** Andrew D. Cothorn, Stephen W. Shoup, Jonathan M. Cronin; **Not Pictured:** Taylor Kennedy, George Moltz, Jessi Bavalock, Matthew Stuart, Sean Branigan, Jeremy Paredes.

UPB, established in 1974, not only provided the University and Harrisonburg communities with musical attractions like 311 and Alien Ant Farm concert, but was also dedicated to other programming. Programs such as movies, talent shows, guest speakers, and art galleries were also among UPB's responsibilities as the official on-campus programming organization.

This year, UPB added a new committee with the creation of its own record label.

The new label, Eighty-One Records, was designed to scout for new musical acts within the University's student body.

Dedication was key to UPB's success. Senior Executive Director Amanda Jordan said, "I am always doing something for UPB. If I'm not in the office, I'm at a show. And if I'm not there, I'm probably trying to squeeze in an hour of sleep before I go to one."

by Meghan Wirt

sigma sigma sigma

by Leanne Chambers

As one of the first two national sororities on the University's campus, first chartered on May 13, 1939, the impact the sisters of the Alpha Upsilon chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma had on the University grew with each year. The 153 members sought to fulfill their three principles, which were "to ensure a perpetual bond of friendship, to develop strong womanly character, and to promote high standards of conduct." By meeting each of these purposes, the sisters in turn continued to fulfill their mission of "providing a lifelong sorority experience for women." The sorority promoted these morals through a plethora of community and University service events throughout the year. "We held an Eating Disorders Awareness Week to raise funds for our local philanthropy," said President senior Amanda Dean. "We also held our annual Robbie Page Kickball tournament in the fall to raise money for our national philanthropy as well."

Aside from their philanthropic activities, the sisters based their events on providing "sisterhood, scholarship and service" to

those around them. They raised their chapter grade point average and began requiring seven hours of service a semester of the members. In addition, the sorority raised \$4,000 for their national foundation, whose motto was "Sigma Serves Children."

The dynamics of the group were incredibly close knit. Through their numerous activities and events, plus the strong bond of friendship they shared, the sisters were very close. Dean said, "It could be summed up in a simple phrase. It was a diverse group of women leaders that came together for a common goal—to serve our community, university, and national organization while learning about ourselves and strengthening the bonds of friendship."

On top of everything, the strong bond of friendship the sisters had for one another remained. "The women that I have met through this sisterhood have become a second family and I will always cherish the times we have spent together," said Dean. "Being the president of Tri-Sigma was an experience I wouldn't trade for anything."



Row One: Cathenne Sendak, Mariel Poole, Andreyra Czuwak, Amanda Dean, Leslie Vicale, Lindsey Hayes, Kelly Vaughan; **Row Two:** Katherine Mooney, Carla Dellamore, Libby Luck, Danielle Augone, Jennifer Bowen, Erin Reynolds; **Row Three:** Serena Maletta, Halie Glick, Emily Hickey, Jenne Abner, Lauren Connor, Jennifer Walker, Jenn Rosinski, Molly O'Brien, Sarah Barrett, Catherine Smoot, Amy Simpson, Linsey Wunderlich, Bouphe Souketha, Hillary Zelnick, Katie Raponi; **Row Four:** Amy Passero, Courtney Frick, Lindsay Cranwell, Erika Blinstrub, Margaret Bishop, Emily Frank, Michelle Awtrey, Ashley Dorey, Lindsay Rosser, Ashley Polo, Megan Erhardt, Lindsay Burges, Bevin Lawson, Erin Kelly, Brynn Cramer, Megan Wellford, Heidi Jennings, Melissa Twardzik, Jen Tryon, Shelby Foster, Jackie Abene; **Row Five:** Megan Day, Desiree Clements, Laura Cambright, Amanda Graham, LeAnne Hays, Lea Richardson, Stacie Stephenson, Frederique Seijhouwer, Amy Brennan, Mallory Lopata, Mary Strom, Sarah Best, Marissa Rauner, Kelley Boyan, Ashley Houston, Brew McKenna, Blair Baxter, Holly Goodman, Emily Jackson, Mary Vecchione, Cara Bunker; **Row Six:** Gina M. Maurone, Jessica Erbstein, Jamie Fox, Heather DeGroot, Jessica Oglesby, Lauren P Walker, Jane Segedin, Keren A. Bogarzyk, Elizabeth E. Spain, Laura Marcantonio, Alison Kelly, Kate Throo, Mary-Kate Barry, Amelia Ballinger, Katie Dorin, Krissy Arek, Michelle Bacigalupo, Emily Rowe, Katie Finazzo, Emilee Pickrell, Carole Ryan.



Pausing for a quick snapshot, sophomores Emily Frank, Margaret Bishop, Brook Berger, Ashley Dorey, Caitlin Sweeney and Jackie Kershis hang out outside of Sigma Chi's Old House. Sigma Sigma Sigma enthusiastically participated in Sigma Chi's Derby Days events [Photo courtesy of Amanda Dean]





Dancing in front of risers during the song "Material Girl," Sigma Sigma Sigma performs at Greek Sing. The sisters not only won Greek Sing, but also placed first in Greek Week overall.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Smiling proudly, sisters junior Emily Hickey, seniors Kelly Vaughan, Janice Rafferty, Mariel Poole, Amanda Dean, and Leslie Vicalè pose with alumni. Dean spoke at the WWII Patio Dedication at the Leeolou Alumni Center.

[Photo courtesy of Amanda Dean]



Hugging her sister, President senior Amanda Dean celebrates after Sigma Sigma Sigma is announced the winner of Greek Sing. Sigma Sigma Sigma's theme was "Battle of the Sexes."

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

how to become a greek

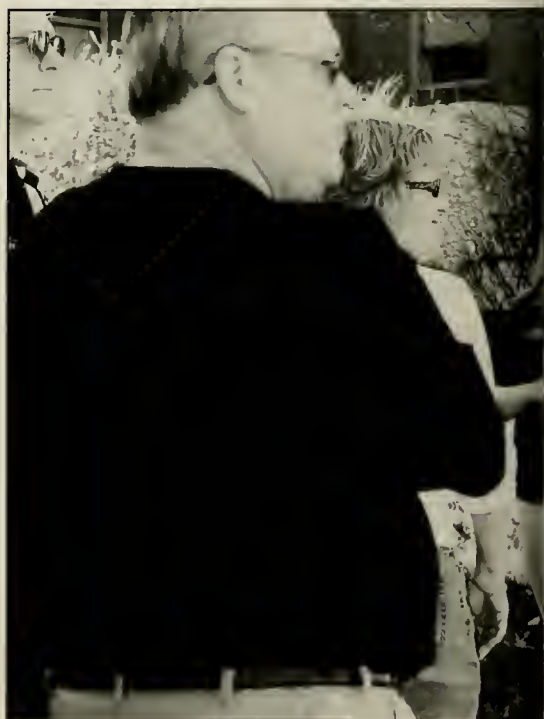
Interested students must join recruitment on the Commons at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters for fraternities, and the fall semester for sororities.

- Cost of recruitment: \$33.00
- Allowed prospective greeks to get to know the different chapters.
- Every recruit received a handbook which included the detailed requirements of each chapter, such as minimum GPA and descriptions of each philanthropy.
- Sorority recruits were put in Rho Chi groups. Each had a student advisor that helped the recruits understand the process, but not to persuade them towards any one chapter.

Once experiencing the different chapters, the recruits received callbacks from the chapters they matched with.

- Interviews were held with the Greek members and the recruits in order for both to become better acquainted with each other.
- Recruits then picked which chapter they wished to pledge and if they got a bid from the chapter, they became a member of the new pledge class.
- Recruits were given a Big Brother/Big Sister to help guide them through the initiation process.

Successful bids were initiated into the fraternity/sorority. A ceremony was held and all the former recruits became official brothers and sisters of that fraternity or sorority.



by Charlotte Dombrower



...ing about Newman Lake and
the Lakeside freshmen dorms.
Junior Kim [name obscured] these
prospective students and their
parents a tour of the campus
their visit. [name obscured]
Ambassadors [name obscured]
interesting facts about the school
inform and entertain the
members of the tour group.
[Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

student ambassadors

by Angela Norcross

“And on the right, you have Burruss Hall, the math and biology building. In the basement, the biology department’s cadavers are housed.” Student Ambassadors not only had to learn which building housed which department and which dorms were freshman, but they also had to memorize facts about the campus. Student Ambassadors eagerly addressed nearly any question posed by a tour group participant and gave tours no matter what the season or weather.

Student Ambassadors began in 1982 as the Student Alumni Association. Composed of a group of highly spirited and motivated students since its’ founding, the organization had branched out to work with other University offices in addition to Alumni Relations, especially with the Office of Admissions. Young leaders dedicated to serving the campus and community, Student Ambassadors had over 100 members. The organization encouraged enthusiasm, commitment and campus participation, and

worked hard to create a positive first impression for prospective students.

As part of Homecoming, Ambassadors hosted the first annual Homecoming pep rally. On the Commons, they led over 1,500 spectators in cheers, encouraged school spirit, and handed out pompoms, beads and Purple Out shirts. Junior Lawson Ricketts said, “[Homecoming] was definitely my favorite Ambassador memory as well as a great JMU memory.”

In the spring, SA gave tours to alumni in conjunction with their class reunions. Senior Jessica Quinn said, “We are given the opportunity to hear all the crazy stories about the school over the years. Alumni will share stories and traditions that current students could never imagine.” Throughout the year, Ambassadors also invested extensive time and effort in organizing events, such as Commencement, Home School Connection and the Carrie Kutner Student Ambassador Scholarship.

Student Ambassadors proudly represented the University by serving past, present and future students.



Row One: Amanda J. Logsdon, Katie H. Warner, Marissa B. Beale, Sara Cichocki, Anna Weatherby, Carrie Tagye, Christina Deery, Jessica Quinn, Barbara Shockley, Mary Phillips, Laura Tarrant, Ashley Houston, Jackie Kershis, Lauren Gniazdowski; **Row Two:** Lauren F. Abrami, Jessica E. Begley, Lyndsey Walther-Thomas, Andrea Fischetti, Meghan Maslanka, Lauren Myers, Lauren Harmata, Jessica Meyor, Laura Carpenter, Jen Ramsey, Sarah Barnes, Heather Davis, Sarah Slough, Kelley Moyers, Andrew Kay; **Row Three:** Stephen C. Filingeri, Jessica Lumsden, Ross Copperman, Stephanie Wallis, Jared Schwartz, Allison Shaffer, Amanda Badger, Kim Rill, Bill Williams, Christy Orband, Gabby Cretz, Katie Lally, Lauren Broussard, Devon Walsh, Stacey Johnson, Rob Zimmerman; **Row Four:** Wilbur Tragerdovsky, Betty L. Neilander, Jake Millersville, Keith Mannwhich, Rachel Ohene, Jennifer Karey, Tara Smiley, Jon Uyttewaal, Brian Millard, Will Cornite, Andrew Kneale, Lawson Picketts, Nick Wiley, Joe McHale, Michael Keown, Tim Hess.

Showing a group of parents and prospective students the outside of the largest freshmen dorm, Eagle Hall, senior Becky Baines and junior Stacey Johnson give an overview of on-campus living to the tour group. Student Ambassadors were trained to be able to answer almost any question asked during tours. [Photo by Meghan Gwaltney]

student duke club

by Leanne Chambers

If you ever went to a home football or basketball game, you probably noticed the sea of purple shirts cheering wildly in the stands. Those purple shirts were the members of the Student Duke Club, one of the University's largest student organizations with over 460 members.

Student Duke Club was founded in 2000 with only 30 members. Striving to increase that membership to over 500 members, the club's primary purpose was to support University athletics through monetary donations and spirit at athletic events. The club also strove to bring the Harrisonburg community closer together with the school community through athletics. This year's newest program was the "Power of Purple." Different businesses throughout Harrisonburg showed their support for the Dukes by hanging University spirited flags in their stores and restaurants.

Monthly meetings were held for members of the Student Duke Club, which featured guest speakers, usually coaches from the

University's sports programs. Before each home football game, the organization held tailgates where its members could socialize, eat and get excited before the game. Bowling, going to the Bull Pen and dinners at Buffalo Wild Wings were other social events that members could participate in. At the end of each semester, a semi-formal was held. The most prominent way the members met, however, was at sporting events. The club was very visible and spirited at all different sporting events through their bright purple shirts and numerous chants and cheers. "One fun membership benefit is the priority seating we had at basketball games right under the basket!" said President Lindsay Crouch.

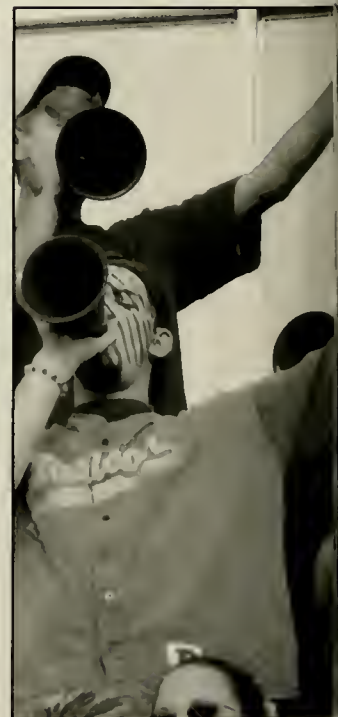
Members of the Student Duke Club took pride in their donations to student athletics and their vibrant enthusiasm for the University. Said Crouch, "One of the best parts of Madison is student spirit. SDC has been a great way for me to meet other students who share my passion for JMU."



Row One: Laura J. Cilmi, Ashley B. Sumner, Catherine M. Alexander, Daryush R. Assar, Lindsay M. Crouch, E. Blair Goodman; **Row Two:** Megan D. Bove, Heather S. Moody, Leslie A. Sensabaugh, Jessica L. Gidwani, Sophia M. Chaale, Emily C. Raebeck, Sarah J. Heller, Esther A. Gertin, Nicole M. Buyalos, Melissa Ayres, Katie L. Wright; **Row Three:** Chelsea L. Taylor, Kimberly A. Lally, Jessica K. Rasich, Elizabeth L. Friend, Brycie L. Smith, Bethany N. Pope, Alexandra P. McNair, Eileen M. Searson, Amber C. Garrity, Krista A. Russo, Casey L. Bryant, Jennifer L. Baker; **Row Four:** Christopher M. Conaway, Christopher M. South, Christopher R. Marquess, Erik K. Pitzer, Brandon C. Ferraro, Khalil P. Garriott, Carly M. Estock.



Cheering on the kick-off, members of the Student Duke Club point at the receiving end of the field. The Student Duke Club's campaign, "Power of Purple," involved the Harrisonburg community in Dukes spirit. [Photo by Kate Sawyer]





Fiestly dressed for the Homecoming game, the Student Duke Club makes an uproar in the stands. The Club was founded in 2000 by Kerper Funkhouser and Nick Langridge.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

Covering a massive section of the stands, the Student Duke Club shows their Purple Pride at the Homecoming game. The Club's purpose was to give financial aid and enthusiasm to athletes. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Tailgating on Godwin field before the Homecoming game, the Student Duke Club enjoys the complimentary catering of Buffalo Wild Wings. The Student Duke Club had over 460 members.

[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

swim club

Practicing a breast stroke, sophomore Kristen Blanco swims her warm-up laps. The club practiced and competed year round. [Photo by Sarah Woodward]



by Angela Norcross

With the start signal, members of the Swim Club dove into the water, swam their best and exited the pool to prepare for another race. Swimming year round, four days per week for about an hour and 15 minutes, swimmers stayed in shape while training for meets. Junior Lauren Stillwell said she joined Swim Club because it required less of a time commitment than varsity, yet still wanted to continue swimming competitively. Stillwell said, "Club was the best alternative that I could have ever imagined. I could do everything at my own speed and with my own commitment level."

In October, Swim Club traveled to Miami University of Ohio to compete. November 9, the team held its' own meet at the Godwin pool. Thirty-four members swam purple against gold, trying to beat their own times. Also during November, sixteen swimmers trekked to Elon College in North Carolina. The girls' team placed fourth and the guys placed fifth out of 16 teams from along the Atlantic coast.

In February, the team hosted a second home meet with other teams from around Virginia and in March they competed in two meets at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia. The year finished up for the club at the UNC Chapel Hill meet in North Carolina. Junior Jenn Makarski said, "I think my favorite part of being on the team is traveling to meets. It's so much fun to go to other schools and compete."

Throughout the year, the team came together outside the pool about once a week for team dinners on campus or at swimmers' apartments. Junior Kristin Ficca said she loved the team dinners, "because they give the members a chance to see what we all look like in normal clothes and we get to bond outside the water."

Whether in the pool or out, members formed friendships with one another. Senior President Jen Jackson said, "We all came together with one common goal, which was to swim, but we ended up getting much more out of the club than swimming."

Row One: Courtney Myers, Kristen Ficca, Erin E. Sochaski, John M. Gullickson, Jenny Piantedosi, Sara M. Belvin, Kristen Blanco, Angela R. Norcross; **Row Two:** Will White, Kelcey Luxenberg, Jenna Krauss, Erin Copeland, Claire DiCesare, Lindsey Sawyer, Sara Pritt, Rachel Perry; **Row Three:** Katie McSween, Signe McLaughlin, Jason de la Bruyere, David French, Kelly Griesel, Megan Putt, Jennifer Jackson.



Taking a break in the pool, members of the swim club relax during practice. The club practiced four times a week for an hour.

[Photo by Sarah Woodward]



up 'til dawn



Row One: Jackie Sanders, Emily Futell, Jennifer Ash, Jen Keys, Elizabeth McCeney, Kristin Urbach; **Row Two:** Kristin Kröll, Erin Walker, Grace Easby-Smith, Lisa Tawil, Mallory Day, Scott Ruffner, Jennifer Granito; **Not Pictured:** Erin O'Hara, Mellissa Rivers, Jon Kasica, Stephanie Noble.

The mission of Up 'Til Dawn was to raise awareness of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and to raise funds from the Harrisonburg and University communities.

The organization recruited teams of three to ten students. Each group then participated in a variety of fundraisers. One of their biggest fundraisers was a letter writing campaign, which raised thousands of dollars for the cause.

The event was the culmination of weeks

of fundraising and was held from February 20th at 7 p.m. to February 21st at 7 am. During the 12 hour event, participants were involved in events to keep them awake. "We understand the heartache of parents with children who stay awake all night wondering if their children will see another day," said Executive Director Jennifer Granito. "Up 'Til Dawn participants are willing to give their time and efforts to help ensure these children will see better days in the future."

by Leanne Chambers

men's club volleyball



Row One: Blake T. Willis (SCC Representative), Brady Howard, Chad R. Willis (President), Jason A. Garrett (Vice-President), Henry J. Decker; **Row Two:** Addison Paige, Joe H. Deveney, Matthew E. Morgan, Matthew L. Spears (Secretary), Ben J. Denton, Dave J. Peshler, Steven M. Gillispie; **Row Three:** Michael C. Rhodes, J. Michael Davis (Fundraising Chair), Keith D. Jackson, Austin Johnson, Dean Yarsites, Nathaniel M. Liberati, John R. Norman (Treasurer), David R. Arnette.

Through practices, tournaments and community service events, the 24 members of the Men's Club Volleyball team became a close group of friends. The group held tryouts at the beginning of September and practiced four times a week during each semester. Their season ran from January through April during which the men participated in tournaments throughout the country in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Nevada. The team

also competed in their National Tournament in Charlotte, NC.

Over the last three years, the club saw much success. In 2002 and 2003, they were named the Eastern Intercollegiate Southern Conference Champions. In 2001 they were named the runner-ups in the same conference. In 2001 and 2002, the men were named the Eastern Intercollegiate East Coast Champions, in which they were the 2003 Runner-Up.

by Leanne Chambers



swing dance club

by Angela Norcross

"My grandparents used to talk about going dancing, and I wanted to try," said junior and club Treasurer Emily Fleck. Many, including Fleck, saw swing as a newly revived art from the past. Begun in 2000, the club provided a form of social dancing to the campus. They taught and shared their moves, using swing as an outlet fostering self-confidence, social skills and risk-taking.

Tuesday nights were reserved for teaching students beginning swing and Thursday nights belonged to intermediate "swingers." After one semester at the beginning level, students could advance to the intermediate level. In addition to lessons, the JMU Swing Club traveled twice a month to dances, traveling as far as Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Closer to home, they danced at the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and at various venues in Richmond and the Northern Virginia area.

Other dances the groups traveled to featured workshops where the dancers were involved in intensive lessons throughout the day with live bands and

talented DJs. The group traveled to PitStop III, an "exchange" in which swingers spent the weekend dancing away. The Swing Club also attended the DC Lindy Exchange, which allowed the swingers to dance in public parts throughout the city. Senior Publicity Chair Jessica Simpson explained that she enjoyed the exchanges because they "were all about dancing and meeting new people from dance scenes all over the country."

The club performed with the hope of interesting others in participating in the fun associated with swing dancing. The club performed at Sunset on the Quad and in December showed their talent at the Rockingham Rotary Club. Also, in December in PC Ballroom, Swing Dance hosted its own dance in which the Jazz Ensemble played to provide the campus with a study break before finals. The dance gave new swingers the opportunity to showcase their skills. Simpson said, "We're trying to get more people to become experienced dancers and use what they learn on the social dance floor."

Showing the club what they just learned, senior A. Iam Strawn and freshman Kirsten Smith share a moment of pride for understanding the new dance. The pair had difficulty with the step at first, but with some help were able to execute it with style. [Photo by Megan Bucknum]



Row One: N. Sanders, M. Briscoe, S. Zivich, J. Polasek, S. Carter, E. Wasef, T. Torano, A. Shen, J. Mehaffey, L. Sommer, A. Atenza; **Row Two:** A. Mercier, E. Fleck, K. Simpson, A. Hollowell, J. Hale, M. Sarver, J. Simpson, B. Holbrook, D. Hall, K. Stevens, J. Podlasek; **Row Three:** S. Lewis, J. Drogus, B. Naylor, K. Cella, M. Sorrentino, J. Riegel, L. Darrell, S. Thiss, L. Cao, J. Patton, K. Nowlin, R. Kraska; **Row Four:** D. Perry, J. Hensley, C. Williamson, J. Barth, D. Plumley, J. Hall, C. DeWeese, J. Maloney, F. Sampson, A. Coplou, G. Skotzko, S. Jeffreys; **Row Five:** C. Brogan, E. Jones, J. Hardy, J. Gidwani, M. Graham, E. Irvine, J. Miller, N. Martorana, E. Carter, K. Turner, L. Church; **Row Six:** B. Lytle, J. Specht, S. McIntyre, C. Davis, J. Lee, J. Ward, G. Marshall; **Row Seven:** A. Strawn, K. Bradford, S. Heringa, E. Graynovskiy, H. Lin, R. Swanson, M. Flippin, L. Telsch.



Watching the instructors demonstrate a dance, members of the Swing Dance club circle around senior instructors Brittany Holbrook and David Hall. The Swing Dance club participated in various events across the eastern coast. [Photo by Megan Bucknum]





women's club volleyball



Row One: Kathryn E. Wright, Sarah E. Gigantino, Brittney M. Potter, Heather S. Hickcox, Erin E. Frahm, Caroline O. Boyd; **Row Two:** Jason A. Garrett, Elisabeth A. Moore, Gillian M. Ginter, Nikki S. Fanning, Julie L. Wilson, Whitney March, Chad R. Willis (Head Coach); **Row Three:** Laura G. Hertzman, Laura M. Mushik, Lindsay C. Streeper, Jessica H. Zetelski, Beth N. Grimes, Lindsey C. Merchant, Eri Fuchigami.

Women's Club Volleyball was a team dedicated to learning and perfecting the sport of volleyball. Members strove to achieve team unity as well as commitment and hard work. The team was composed of girls willing to put forth numerous hours in the gym to improve their volleyball skills. Besides practicing and competing in volleyball, members engaged in activities ranging from raising money to help out in the community throughout the year. The Women's Club

Volleyball team was involved in many fundraisers throughout the year such as car washes and T-shirt sales, as well as volunteering at retirement homes and other facilities on campus. Members participated in two to four tournaments each semester as well as a national competition in the spring. The Women's Club Volleyball team was successful at uniting a group of girls that enjoyed spending time together on and off the court.

by Charlotte Dombrower

men's water polo



Row One: Jacob Thielen, Mark Tunstall (fundraiser chair), Zac Hittle; **Row Two:** Paul Rukenbrod (president), Hunter Dunlo, Peter Day, Josh Nicoletti; **Row Three:** Tannar O. Simensen, Michael Fry (secretary), Jeremy Bergman, Kevin Murphy (vice-president), Jamie Specht

For the members of the Men's Club Water Polo team, the relationship went beyond the pool. The men spent nearly all of their time together, both in and out of the water. Created as a coed sport club in 1994, the team split from the girls in 1998. Since then, "The team has grown fast and achieved great success," said club President Paul Rukenbrod. They have won two national championships, three regional

titles and four division first places.

The club's purpose was to provide the opportunity for both experienced and inexperienced people interested in water polo to learn the sport, compete in tournaments with other universities and to have fun. They also participated in various community service activities including Warm-A-Winter-Wish and the Adopt a Highway program.

by Charlotte Dombrower

Hitting a high punch, junior Celeste Reed develops her skills. Tae Kwon Do met Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as Saturdays to practice.
[Photo by Emily Dursa]



Working on his roundhouse kick, sophomore Rian Kountz practices with his partner sophomore Rachel Bushway. The students developed their skills through a series of stations.
[Photo by Emily Dursa]



Rehearsing their forms, sophomores Sarah Harsche and Emily Saulsgiver practice with the yellow belt group. The students presented their forms at belt tests.
[Photo by Emily Dursa]





tae kwon do

by Ashley McClelland

For the Tae Kwon Do club, growth was a vital part of their success. “The club has grown rapidly. We had our largest introductory class that I can remember in October and member retention has been high. While this can make for some crowded practice conditions, everyone has been really good about stepping up and helping out when needed,” said club President senior Jenny Muth.

The Tae Kwon Do club was different from most other sports clubs. “Our club is different in that we are not a sport club with a regular season. We train year round and not just for tournaments or games. Our club is run like a martial arts academy and is one of the largest sports clubs in the Sports Club Council,” said Muth.

Although TKD was an individual sport, the club was a chance for students to get together and learn TKD techniques. “The team dynamic is very, very tight. There is pretty fierce loyalty to your class when it comes to class competitions...but the club, as a whole is very close,” said Muth.

“There is a lot of ‘we get through this together’ mentality such as the sort of unwritten rule that no one does push-ups alone, everyone is really supportive of everyone else, regardless of belt color. The fact that TKD club is so close, in and out of class, is something that I’m really proud of.”

The club also participates in tournaments every year. “Each tournament we’ve had has been difficult in it’s own right. Each tournament is always difficult on the individual level. Nerves play a huge part in how well you do...and so far I’ve always been nervous for each form or match during a tournament, but it’s also what makes it so exciting and each match versus a different opponent is always difficult too,” said sophomore Caitlin Fitzpatrick. “You have to try to be strategic while you fight; you have to be smart with your own offense and defense, but you also have to try to analyze your opponent’s style at the same time. No fight is ever the same so they’re always a challenge.”



Row One: Jessica Puentes (SCC Representative), Megan Scott, Celeste Reed, Thoeun Kao, Ashley Hartman, Emily Saulsgiver, Sarah Harsche, Ron Bartolo II, Heather Arndt; **Row Two:** Greg Asma, Max P. Borges, Katie Bruder, Lindsay Wade (Treasurer), Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Secretary), Rachel Bushway, Chad Horn, Christine Cappa, Jenny Muth (President/Instructor), Tony Martinez; **Row Three:** Kevin E. Melton (Instructor), Adam T. Mathews, Jeff Muller, Nick Gregware, A. Raleigh Marshall, Rian Kountz IV, Sean Schutte, Jonathan Joyce (Instructor), Jonathan Price (Head Instructor).

Practicing as a group, white belts hit a low punch in their form. Forms were a rehearsed set of skills necessary to advance to the next level.

[Photo by Emily Dursa]

theta chi

by Angela Norcross

After being a colony for two years, in 1972 Theta Chi, Eta Kappa Chapter, became a fraternity. A social fraternity accepting all majors, Theta Chi's primary purpose was to succeed academically. They provided helping hands to the campus and community.

The premier event that Theta Chi participated in was their fourth annual 12-Days Project. Dedicated to brightening the holiday season of underprivileged children in the Valley, the event was conducted from December 1st through 12th. The brothers hoped to collect over \$5,000 in donations and toys. Since they spent 24 hours straight on the Commons during some of the coldest days of the year, Dove Camper Sales donated a trailer for the fraternity's use during this philanthropic event. Two brothers sat on the Commons at all times and others perused businesses in the city to locate sponsors to support the drive. All proceeds went to the Salvation Army Toy Convoy.

During Homecoming, Theta Chi hosted

a tailgating party and an alumni brunch that country singer, alum brother Phil Vassar attended. Fifth year Benjamin Baker said, "As a person who likes to be heavily involved, it has provided me with endless opportunities for leadership and service, as well as socializing, and I believe that I owe Theta Chi a debt of gratitude in contributing to one of the best college experiences I believe a person could have."

Theta Chi also participated in Adopt-a-Highway and Special Olympics, taking pride in their philanthropic opportunities to serve the community. They made it a priority to support other fraternities and sororities in their fundraising ventures. Throughout the year, the brothers also bonded by going on retreats together. President Jeff Lewis said, "The bonds and friendships I've made in Theta Chi will last me a lifetime and it has made every second of my time here at JMU meaningful. It has taught me many life lessons on leadership, friendship and responsibility. Leaving the fraternity is going to be the hardest thing I am going to have to deal with on graduation day."

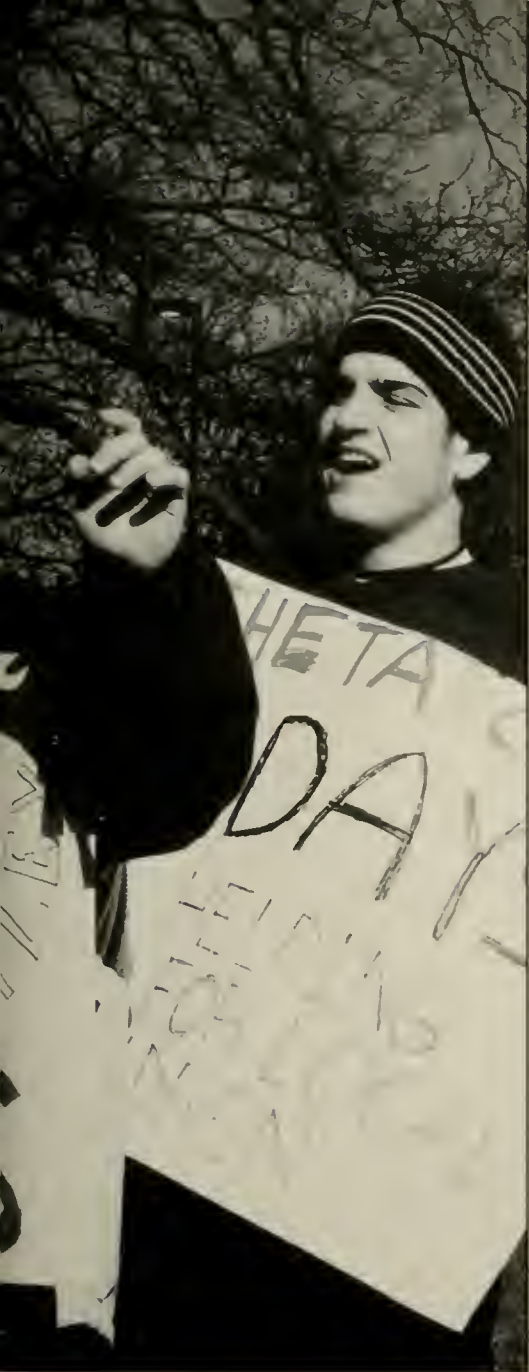


Row One: Jared M. Miller, Josh Inkell, Greg Miller, Ryan Rowell, Chase Edwards, Justin Miloszewski, Salvatore Leone IV, Linsey Clarke; **Row Two:** Thomas R. Potter, Robert A. Goodwyn, Michael McDonald, Alex Otero, Adam Donat, Ryan Tamborini, Kevin Frye, John Landry, Benjamin Rosenberger, Crane Hassold; **Row Three:** John Palombo, David Bilbrough, Robert Honec, Ian McCleary, Ben Baker, Jeff Lewis, Shomik Niyogi, Michael Helm, David Shipper; **Row Four:** John O' Grady, Kevyn S. Adams, Philip O. Giordano, Paul A. Tocci, John Grace, Zack Winters, Stephen Blazie, Davidson Hulfish, Aron Moody.



Counting the afternoon's donations, brothers of Theta Chi rejoice at the day's intake. 12 Days raised a total of \$4,621, just shy of their \$5,000 goal. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]





Competing for the attention of the crowd, brothers of Theta Chi battle it out with evangelist Matt Bourgault on the Commons. The fraternity commented that Bourgault's presence actually helped raise funds.
[Photo by Clare Burchard]

Trying to get students passing through the Commons to donate money, Theta Chi mans their table. Their main philanthropic event of the year, 12 Days, landed the fraternity on the Commons 24 hours a day from December 1-12.
[Photo by Clare Burchard]



Showing their holiday spirit, Theta Chi stays in their decorated trailer on the Commons for 12 Days. At least two brothers were present at all times and were often brought hot chocolate and food by sororities.
[Photo by Morgan Riehl]

triathlon club

by Ashley McClelland

Swimming, biking and running, the Triathlon Club exerted themselves beyond the average UREC attendee. The team participated in the National Collegiate Championship in April. "We have gone the last couple Aprils and plan to do so again this year. It is a phenomenal experience and at the Olympic distance, is a very challenging race as well," said sophomore Ryan Stava. "We want to help change people's perception of a triathlon as being only the Iron Man distance, which is a 2.5 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run, and helping each other achieve our goals."

The club expanded to about 65 people thanks to work they did to recruit new members. "This year we have taken some very big steps compared to years past, largely in thanks to our club president Kirk Hetherington. We grew from about 35 members to 63 paid members last semester alone," said Stava. "We have also been working very hard to change the average person's misconceptions about triathlons and show him or her how much

fun multi-sport events can be."

"With that large increase in members, we have had to cater to their needs in many different ways, such as providing more support by formulating individual training programs and tips and advice," said Stava. "However we have managed to still have a great time and maintain our overall atmosphere of a very tight knit club of friends and athletes. We have become one of the most visible clubs both on and off campus and are a top tier club on the sports club council."

Fundraising helped the club become more visible. "For fundraisers, we like to be very diverse. We do carwashes, service auctions, we even held a Donut 5k run/walk where you get time deducted from your overall finishing time for every donut that you eat on the course. We sell club t-shirts at races, as well as sweatshirts and club messenger bags. Also, we continually sell concessions at JMU football and basketball games as well as clean up after the games occasionally," said Stava.



...ing at a moderate speed, junior Kyle Keedy, senior Mark Gaskulman, and freshman Michael Dubrovsky warm up for practice. It was important to warm up the muscles before an intense workout.
(Photo by Clara Burchett)

women's water polo

by Leanne Chambers

The Women's Water Polo team initially began in 1976 as a coed team in a men's conference. After the popularity of the team increased and the number of women participants grew, the team split in two and the women's water polo team was born. The 35 members practiced weekly, worked together and strove to meet their goals and win their conference.

Anyone was welcome to join the team, even non-swimmers, and there were no tryouts. "Water polo is a hard sport to learn and play because most people had never played before and learning something from the beginning could be hard," said senior Katie Loughlin. "However, as a

team we took the responsibility to coach each player and teach them to swim if needed."

The team volunteered their time throughout the Harrisonburg community. They worked with various events such as Up 'Til Dawn, Swim-a-Thon for Cancer and Bowling for Kids.

Underneath all of their hard work was a deep respect and friendship with one another. "The polo team gave me inspiration when I needed it, provided friendly faces around campus, and a friend when in need," said Loughlin. "The team was an amazing group of women that inspired me to be a better person."



Row One: Charlie Myers, Erin Curley, Wendy Waldeck, Olivia Ting, Shaina Ambrose; **Row Two:** Tara Reyha, Elizabeth Holena, Katy Breithaupt, Katie Loughlin (Secretary), Betsy Anderson, Katie Daniels; **Row Three:** Robyn Harrison, Meghan McAteer (Vice President), Colleen Sheridan, Meagan Fox, Katie Clark, Wendy Kreiner, Amy Townsend; **Row Four:** Cory Hill, Emily Cosse, Jennifer Tessino (Social Chair), Ashley Williams, Lindsay Haus, Lacey Rainwater (Fundraising Chair), Laura Dwyer.



Row One: Kate Zebatto, Jennifer Vaz, Erin Freedman, Annie Michler, Dana DiSario, Sara Hawkins, Becca Moore; **Row Two:** Michael Dubovsky, Brittney Pierce, Jenna Favin, Kristine Morton, Joanna Mitchell, Heather Ratasiewicz, Amanda M. Lee, Nancy Averill; **Row Three:** Thomas H. Tyler, Billy Holloway, Peter Sysak, Bob Kennedy, Hal Wilkins, Sheila Ernst, Stephen Turner, Ryan Stava; **Row Four:** Kirk Hetherington, Andy Blatecky, Jeff Mundt, Matt Brownlee, Chris Babb, Joshua Grainer, David Crippen.



Turning up the resistance level on the bike, sophomore Joanna Mitchell gets ready for a hard workout. During cycle practices, interval training was used to get the participants ready for races. [Photo by Clare Burchard]

women of color



Row One: Michelle E. Cabbell, Stacey Carter (Treasurer), Jaimie E. Robinson (Vice President), Ancha C. Jordan, Tiffany A. Ferguson, Brittany T. White; **Row Two:** Kristie Fleming (President), Halleluya Samuel (Secretary), Tara Ward, Johnelle N. Brown, LaTasha Johnson, Tiffany Jackson; **Row Three:** Latoya Washington, Sherri Jones, Lysie Lewis, Janelle Tracy (Historian), Victoria S. Jessie, Erika M. Peters.

by Nicole Maier

Women of Color started out in the early 1980s when it split from the organization Brothers of a New Direction (BOND). The group of over 30 members was a place where women could come together for fellowship and all were welcomed.

Weekly meetings allowed the group to get together and discuss topics anywhere from sexual assault awareness to interracial dating. Outside meetings, the group worked with the Boys and Girls Club as well as to raise breast cancer awareness. They held motivational workshops and organized a weekend-long leadership conference with a banquet and speakers.

The girls had their share of bonding time as well. They enjoyed going to UREC and going out to eat together. "This year we have grown so much," said junior Kristie Fleming, president of the organization. "All the things we set out to do we are actually doing." Being involved in the group was a positive experience for many of its members. "I believe being in the Women of Color encourages community not only between African American women, but women in general," said sophomore Shemiqua Baulie, co-chair of community service.

zeta tau alpha

by Angela Norcross

The Gamma Kappa chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha was founded in 1948 and since its founding, the sorority won many awards. These included winning the Crown Chapter Award by ZTA Nationals in 2003 for the fourth year in a row. ZTA was a social sorority that in addition to community service, encouraged lifelong relationships between sisters and members of the Greek community. Senior Emily Green said, "ZTA has allowed me the opportunity to be positively involved on campus and in the community while making many lasting friendships."

One of ZTA's most important events was their Breast Cancer Awareness Week, held October 26th through November 1st, to provide information about breast cancer for the campus and community while raising awareness and money to find a cure. All proceeds from the week went to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foun-

ation. ZTA's Breast Cancer Awareness Week finished with a 5K Run/Walk and their efforts throughout the week raised over \$14,000.

ZTA also participated in many other activities with Greek and non-Greek organizations throughout the year. Junior Elizabeth Younts said, "It has helped me realize that my options at school and in life are limitless. I can do anything and be involved in anything as long as I am dedicated and willing to work." Each sister was required to spend three hours a semester completing community service activities; however most were involved above and beyond this requirement.

Green said, "Being involved in JMU's Greek community has provided me many unique and memorable social experiences." Younts said, "I have such amazing sisters. I admire so many of them when I see how nearly everyone is involved in other organizations."



Row One: Kelly E. Wrenn, Diane E. Ainge, Kate Lockard, Mary Mason Wright, Chelsea Wiczorek; **Row Two:** Megan A. Ellington, Christine Davis, Kaitlan Deal, Callie Long, Nikki Smith, Lauren Von Herbulis; **Row Three:** Caitlin I. Friel, Elizabeth C. Webster, Meghan H. Wilson, Emily Orrell, Lauralee Glasgow, Sherry Parker, Kim Lally, Ashley Forman.

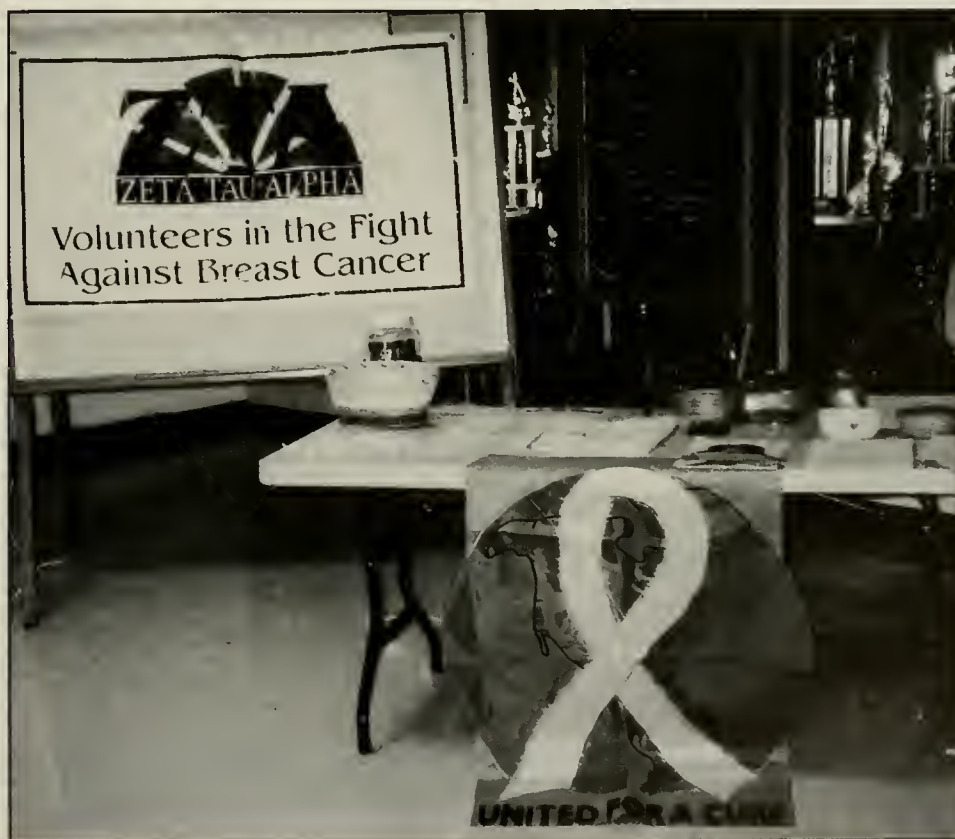


Singing with her cappella group, Note-Oriety, former Zeta Tau Alpha President senior Katie Coleman steps up to the microphone. Zeta Tau Alpha hosted the Breast Cancer Awareness benefit concert in the Fall.
[Photo courtesy of Adrian White]



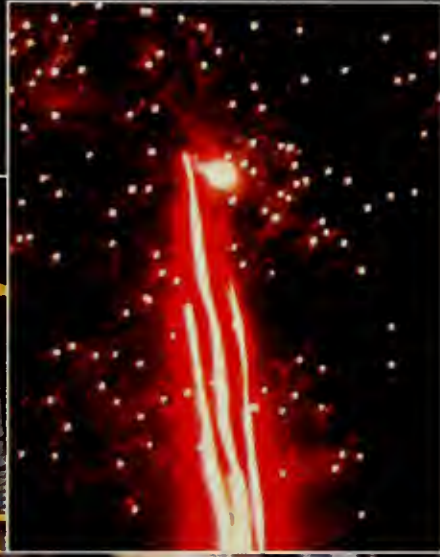
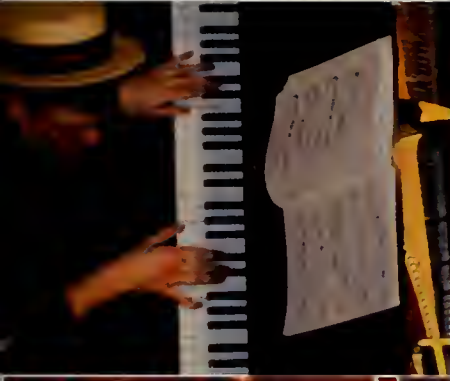
Cheering in preparation of the 5K Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run, members of Zeta Tau Alpha and supporters of Breast Cancer Awareness gather at the start line. During the week of October 26, Zeta Tau Alpha sold pink Madison shirts, held a movie night at Grafton-Stovall, a benefit concert featuring many a cappella groups, and hosted the 5K run. [Photo courtesy of Adrian White]

Smiling proudly, pledge mom senior Sara Gertler shares in the excitement as sophomore Adrian White becomes the newest member of her Zeta Tau Alpha family. Gertler, junior Lara Motsek, White, and juniors Stef Doyle and Mikhaila Riede posed after Zeta Tau Alpha's Big/Little Revelation ritual. [Photo by Morgan Riehl]



Displaying posters and signs announcing their philanthropy, Zeta Tau Alpha's table in Godwin Hall helps to get the word out. The girls raised over \$14,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. [Photo courtesy of Adrian White]

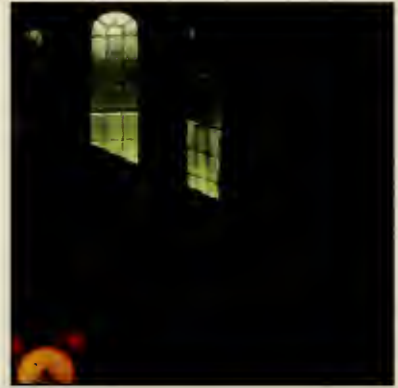




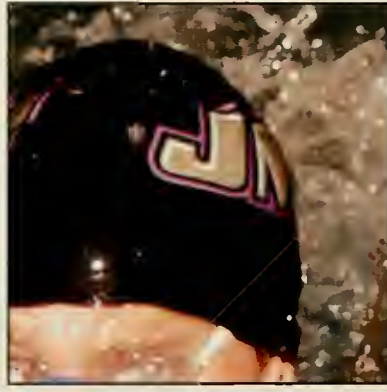
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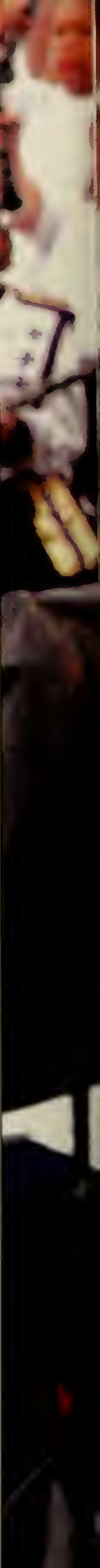


















the bluestone staff



All loves her Dalmation!



Meghan gets crazy on the sun dial



Maureen lounging around



Charlitta and Angela, lovin' every minute of org pics!

the editorial board



Mmmm... that's a good bagel!



Ed Board personalities



Don't Mess With Texas!!



Good God woman!

Thank God these people are graduating...

Taking the ed board picture...how should I finish up this caption?

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past tense...past tense...past tense...
past tense...

When's 40 Time?



Sweet Hunny Buns w/ Supa Fly chick!



When you gotta clean, you gotta clean



Last deadline... so sad??

gina's thank you

Writing her "I love being on yearbook blurb" senior Gina Indellicate feels that no words could ever explain how much she enjoyed her year as Editor in Chief. Indellicate was most notorious for her caption writing, bad spellings, weird sneezes, and use of inspirational phrases such as "Good Job!"

Seriously though, I feel as though I don't even know where to begin or how I could possibly explain to anyone what yearbook has meant to me this year. The experience I have had with The Bluestone has changed my life and has made my senior year the best I could have ever imagined! Most people will never understand how important a yearbook is, but on this year's staff I found people who understood and appreciated the same things I do. I look back on this 400 page book that we've created and I feel nothing but a sense of accomplishment. I am so proud that a group of less than 30 could come together and beautifully capture a year of life at James Madison into a bound book. I feel like I cannot express my appreciation for everyone involved as appropriately as I should, but I'm sure going to try:

Jerry Weaver: Our wonderful advisor. I don't think that you get the credit you deserve! There would be no Bluestone without you and your constant devotion to us. I hope you stick with The Bluestone for a very long time because you are the backbone of this book. Whether it be the printer and Xerox machine breaking at once or dealing with me while Morgan was "lost" in Texas, I don't know what I would have done this year without always knowing you would be there supporting me and my staff. You are the best advisor I could have hoped for this year! I wish you the best of luck!

My Editorial Board:

You guys have been my family this year! Each one of us brought a vital aspect to this book, I couldn't have imagined this year without you four. You all have been so supportive and fun. You guys made windowless Anthony Seeger room 217 a home to me.

Kari: My dearest Deputy, I couldn't have asked for a better right hand woman! You are so full of life and your enthusiasm spreads wherever you go. Your energy and optimism basically kept us alive this year! I don't know what I would have done without you in the editorial board, you share my passions for yearbook and I can't expect anything less than success for your future. You are going to make an awesome editor for the 2004-2005 book. I will always be there if you ever need me, but I can see the leader in you and will never doubt that your book will be as amazing as you are.



Kari and I, Bourbon St, New Orleans



"Gina and the Bluestoners!" Me, Kristin, Kari, Morgan at Morgan's art opening

The Men Behind the Scenes:

Jerry Weaver



Advisor

Checking out the Taylor Plant in Dallas Texas, Jerry Weaver learns how yearbooks are bound. Weaver was by far the best yearbook advisor *The Bluestone* could have ever hoped for.

Glenn Russell



Account Executive

After giving a phenomenal tour, Glenn Russell poses with me. Russell was an excellent account executive for *The Bluestone*, keeping up communication all the way from Dallas to Harrisonburg.

Morgan: SQUEAK! While its obvious Missy that your pictures are always awesome, I just wanted to thank you for your company during the crazyiness of org pictures! Who knew the Editor in Sneezing and the Riehl Photographer would make such a good team! Rock on with the flip flops (just not in the snow please). Oh, and just one more thing to never forget: **Don't Mess With Texas!**

Kristin: As we determined from this year, you snagged the ONE decent JMU boy... and you're marrying him! I'm so glad you were a part of my ed board! From Media Ethics to the greatest of all tenses, THE PAST, we've had a great experience I will certainly never forget! I wish you something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and most of all happiness!

Peyton: First of all, you have been an awesome creative director this year! You are really talented and our book definitely looks awesome because of you! There isn't a design in this book that you've done that I haven't been impressed by. Secondly, this ed board just wouldn't have been the same without your male presence. Thanks for pointing out all my mis-spellings, and lack of golf knowledge. I wish you the best!



Me and Jon "W" Lutz

To my staff:

- Here's what I hope you'll be able to do after this year:
- Writers: Turn anything written into past tense
- Photogs: Write a caption for any imaginable situation
- Designers: To make sure everything is always one pica apart
- Producers: That Apple + Option + Y will get you a long way

While its fun to joke about this past year, I really do hope you all gained something from working on the yearbook. You are all such amazing people. I am so glad that I got the chance to work with each one of you. This yearbook was made up of your hard work and commitment. I appreciate the effort put forth on everyone's part and I hope you use these skills to help you out later in life.

Special Thanks:

I wanted to send a shout out to everyone who worked on The Columbian yearbook with me in high school (especially you Katie Tichauer) because without the great experience I had then as editor in chief, I would never have wished to pursue it in college! Go Columbian Coffee!



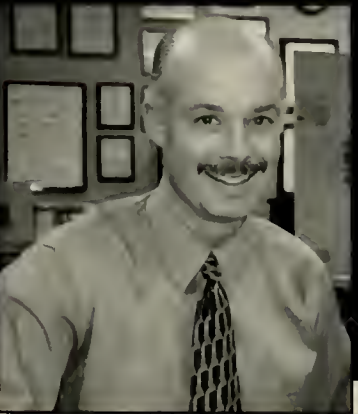
A family of editors!

This year has been an amazing experience I will never forget. These are the moments that have made my college experience. I am thankful for everyone that was a part of this and for all of the encouragement, love, and hugs from all of my friends and family. Just remember, yearbooks are eternal.

This yearbook is for everyone at this University, I hope that it accurately conveys what this year was to you, enjoy!

Gina Indelicato

Brian Hunter



Relaxing in The Bluestone office, Brian Hunter picks up our 4th deadline. Hunter was a great representative especially when dealing with my random mid-deadline freak outs.

Taylor Representative

Geoff Allen



At his editor's apartment, Geoff "Geoffedy-Doo" Allen enjoys their sometimes weekly movie night. Allen was more than just a great business manager, but one of my unforgettable best friends.

Business Manager

kari's thank you

First, I have to thank the Ed Board for making deadlines extremely fun, despite the long hours and the four-walls-with-no-windows-to-the-outside-world conditions. You guys made it quite the experience-getting locked out of the office at 3am, counting the times Clay Aiken was on the radio, deadline slippers, stealing tables, killer chairs, freezing computers, the quote board, Peyton fixing the vending machine and getting seven drinks in doing so, getting snowed in...I could go on forever. It has been a wonderful year and I can't say enough about how much fun I had.

Gina, you have no idea how much I will miss you next year. After the craziness of New Orleans, I knew we'd have an incredible year. Your guidance and concern has been amazing and I truly appreciate you as my editor and my friend. We've been through so much together, and you have given me the confidence needed to lead the staff after you. You'll always be my comma-sprinkling, soft rock-listening, caption-writing EIC!

Kristin, I couldn't have asked to be snowed in for two days with anyone better! Hot chocolate, movies and girl talk...the best ever! (Thanks for letting me stay in your room Sarah!) You have so, so much to look forward to and I better get updates! I'll miss copy editing with you and yelling about past tense and grammar. It just won't be the same!

Morgan, you need to sleep more! haha! I will miss all the ridiculous pictures of us you put on the walls of the office. I've had so much fun with you and am going to miss you a lot! You are an incredible photographer and I know you will be famous one day! You better keep in touch, and send me pictures of butterflies!

Peyton, thanks for putting up with us this year! You were definitely the most quotable person for the board...my favorite being, "blasting his ball." Thanks to my dad for that golf term. I had fun hanging out with you during deadlines and hearing your one line interjections into our girl talk that made us crack up laughing. I hope you had fun in the end!

You all better keep in touch-you know where I'll be!



Me and Becky, my twin at heart :)

My roomie Amanda, time has certainly flown by! Getting through our first two years of college together has been crazy and we've both grown up so much. Even though we aren't living together next year, I will always be here for you and you know I love you!

To my suitemates, thank you for making me laugh, laughing at me, and laughing with me! This year wouldn't have been as much fun if I didn't have you in my life. Michelle and Kathleen, thank you for keeping me sane, and for all the nights we de-stressed together...love you girls!

Alpha Phi, you are the most dedicated, involved and caring women I could have ever wished to call my sisters. I know that the time I spent on this book kept me from you all on some occasions, but I want to thank you for being so understanding.

Becky, staying as close as we have this year has been very important to me and I love you so much! Your support through the incredible amount of things that happened this year means a lot and I am so thankful to call you a best friend.

To the staff, thank you for all your hard work and dedication this year. You are amazing and I better see you all back next year!!

Mom & Dad, thank you for being proud of me, and for allowing me to do what makes me happy. You really are the best parents ever. I love you!

As for next year...bring it!!

Kari Deputy



My roommate Amanda and I



Gina and I with the UVA and Tech girls in New Orleans



Me and Chelsea, my Alpha Phi little sister

kristin's thank you



Me and Mark Jason on the Quad

What can I say? This has been such an amazing year, better than I could ever have imagined. All of the hours during deadline and never seeing the sunrise or set has definitely been worthwhile to develop and produce such an amazing book. I never anticipated that I would have the experience to work with such amazingly talented and wonderful people such as The Bluestone staff. I cannot imagine my life this past year, or three for that matter, without The Bluestone. But I owe more than just the staff a big THANK YOU...

To the Ed Board, Even though it was stressful and at times we thought we might kill each other by being cooped up in the office, we could always count on Clay Aiken to save the day! We ARE the reason this book is such a success. All four of you are astonishing in your own way.

Gina, I cannot imagine editin' copy for anyone else. Thank you for bein' more than just the EIC. I will miss the gossipin' sessions. Good luck with all of your future endeavors.

Kari, Would you like some more hot chocolate, Suga Suga? Oh, Blondie, your rapping could keep me laughing for hours upon hours. Thanks for all of your help with editing the copy, especially with THOSE stories! Good luck with next years' book. You will be an amazing EIC.

Old Man Peyton, Your random comments always lightened the mood. Oh and thanks for fixing the vending machine. Your design expertise has definitely made this book stand out from the others.

Capt'n Morgan, I cannot imagine college without you. Your friendship means so much to me. Here's to starting out college with long nights in Hillside and ending with long nights in Anthony-Seeger. You WILL be a success despite your fuzzy carpet and nine months living in a hole. (wink) No matter what country you are in, no matter what you are doing, you will always hold a special place in my heart. Thanks for it all...

To my writers, PAST TENSE! Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication. Without you there would be no words, literally.

Angela, I am handing my position down to you, so make me proud. Oh, and keep the all-male orgs for yourself to write! (wink, wink)

To the staff, Congratulations on another successful year. Your commitment has helped make this book one of the best. Good luck to you all.

1068G, What can I say about you ladies? Each day living in 1068G was just another day in paradise where we always wanted to visit Ross and Rachel and dared to eat the set food. QUIZNOS, sitting on the counters, walking on the ceiling, Thursday nights, UREC, Jeopardy, the 6 x 9 T, Bo Sox v. Yankees, Cosmo quizzes and calling the cops were always a good time. And of course, how could I forget taxi rides from H-E- double hockey sticks. I love you girls and am so blessed to have such wonderful roomies. Thanks for being my best friends.

Candace, I could not have asked for a better roommate throughout college. Here's to country music, the Oops dance, switching drawers, Spotswood and racquetball. You are truly wonderful and always keep me entertained.

Sarah, Thanks for the tea-talks, turning your self inside out and being my twin! Oh and thanks for offering to be the live-in nanny/dog-walker, but I am sure you will be much better off as a nurse!

Alexis, Thanks for being a great friend and getting lost on the beltway with me. Good luck with what ever the future may hold!

Mom, Thanks for never giving up, always being there and for all your love; I appreciate ever ounce of it. I love you.

Dad, Thanks for your never-ending love and support and helping me grow into the woman I am today. Your Cupcake is all grown-up. I love you!

Josh, lil bro, Thanks for always keeping my in check. (wink) I love you, bud.

Mark Jason, what would I do with out you? Your love, support and encouragement means more than the world to me. Thanks for being you and being more than I could have ever asked for. Here's to our future, our forever. I love you, always.

To JMU, Thanks for the best four years of my life. Because of this University and what I have learned here, I am prepared to face the world as the confident, ambitious woman I have become. Thanks for the memories...

Kristin Short



Sarah, me and Candace in New York



My little brother Josh and I

morgan's thank you

DONE!

Gina: Thanks for all the caption writing, I know deep down you loved it. Then of course there were the antics of the year with silly doors that close without warning (with people in sillier hats to save us) and inter-office IMing, but the most important thing to remember - *Don't Mess With Texas.*

Kari: You made having Q101 as our only entertainment, entertaining ...and that's saying something! Good luck next year, you'll do awesome.

Peyton: Your mentality was a much-needed balance this year...thanks for putting up with all our nonsense.

Kristin: From Hillside to The Bluestone, it has been a crazy ride. Together we crammed for geology tests and battled with deadlines, but the point is we created an amazing product. That's right, a pipe-cleaner Star of David. Good luck in New York and all the happiness with Mark.

It would be impossible for me to describe my past four years; they seem like an entire lifetime within themselves. I had extreme lows, extraordinary highs, traveled around the world and done things I still don't believe myself. But it always comes back to the people that I met, that helped me along and I could never thank them enough.

My 265 (immediate and extended) family: Thanks for everything, you guys are the only reason I'm still alive. Some memories are clearer than others, but from 40 Time and TT's to Late Night Kings and the hookah, it was good times all around.

Bryce: Thanks for the Christmas present, I'll tell you when you least expect it.

John: My pong partner for life...we will always be ultimate champions.

Kerry: Thanks for helping take care of the boys....HALO!!

To the rest of the JMU usual suspects, my Northern Virginians, Aussie mates, Italian amici and everyone inbetween: Each one of you have added to my life and made me who I am today. I know I may constantly wonder off, but I'm always just a postcard away and I love you all.

"We must move forward, not backward. Upward, not forward. And twirling, always twirling towards freedom!"

Morgan A. Riehl



The family portrait: Papa Bear with the children, John Boy and Mo.



"How many camels?" Amy and I explore Egypt and bring in 2004.



Me, Ali, Little Jamie, Katie, and Tall Jamie on an April Fall Break in New Zealand. April 20, 2022 at the six-foot Emu in Queenstown...see you then!



Peeking around the corner, Erin attempts to ruin my shot of the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland. Oh what a lovely day for a Guinness.

peyton's thank you

Hanging out in LA, California while visiting some old roommates.



Aaron and Micah). You two guys bring a lot of laughs and entertainment to some stressful times as well as good times. And Juice, it was a great two years and I'm sad to see it end. We not only shared a house as roommates but also an office, so to speak, in Anthony-Seeger. You guys have been the best and made the college years what they are today. I won't forget the many ski trips, late night cranium games, cookouts, "Stefan Zodiac and the Ski Lodgers", the best Christmas parties at JMU, the excellent neighbors, horseshoes, Soul Ace Motel, random road trips and everything else that made that house so great. I also want to thank Alissa for always being there and showing your support. I couldn't have done it without you and I hope for many more happy years to come.

On a final note I want to wish next years staff and editorial board lots of luck. I hope to see the book improve even more as it has in years past. Our reputation can only be credited with the people that make it happen.

Peyton Green



Juice and I celebrating St. Patrick's day down in New Orleans.



Alissa and I at the 2004 MCV formal.



Celebrating homecoming in Hillside parking lot with Kenny and some good friends.

features

Acceptance Speech

On behalf of the features section, we would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the little people who made all this possible. We want to start by thanking our mothers, Theresa, Valerie, and Mary, for giving birth to us. We would also like to thank the admissions staff here at James Madison University for being so lenient with admission requirements and letting us in. Thanks to Harrisonburg Transit for providing transportation to and from meetings for those of us without cars, and thanks to JMU Parking Services for the tickets those of us with cars received while at those meetings. Thanks to Wal-Mart for developing our hundreds of rolls of film. Thanks to Macintosh for creating such unreliable computers in the 1980s. Thanks to the student body here at JMU for letting us stalk you at various events to get our stories and photos. Oh yes, and we cannot forget to thank Gina, Kari, Kristin, Morgan, and Peyton; without you there simply would not be a book.



Jeanette, Allyson, Nicole, Allyson, Nathaniel

classes

6 reasons to confuse the Classes section with "Sex in the City"



1. Charlotte: strange, "ookie-pookie-wookie"; obsession with her show dog. Ali loves her polka dot "shmookie-wookie" dog.
2. Carrie: moved to Paris with her boyfriend Angela graduated. No one knows why.
3. Miranda: ate a whole huge cookie that said, "I Love You" Carrie ate a bag of chocolate and said, "I Love You."
4. Samantha: didn't get names of her "male friends" Kate and Emily didn't get names of students they photographed once.
5. Charlotte: was known for niceness and purity of heart; Clare: Nice enough to take the assignments no one else would
6. The "SIC" had "their table"; at a café; The "Classes" had the office table and a hot pot.

Ali, Carrie, Clare, Emily, Angela, Kate

sports

Sports cast

Entering the yearbook office are new recruits for the sports team, writers Ashley McClelland and Cary Bell, photographer Sara Woodward, and designer Isabel Ramos with veteran producer Maureen Doherty. The team started the year with an entirely new game plan. They switched up the roster and started from scratch, with new stories, fresh designs and action-packed photos. After scoring their first victory at the yearbook staff scavenger hunt, the playing field was wide open for the tough sports team to beat out the other sections. With the loss of two players they worked hard to make up for the extra work. The spirit of Maureen helped the team to fulfill their final win at the end of the yearbook season. They continued their winning streak, scoring big by catching the difficult stories on football, cross-country and gymnastics spreads. Even through the lows of the season and the tough deadlines, the team pulled together and won big at every deadline. Despite an extraordinary season, only one player plans on returning next year, but the team will remember all the good times and fun meetings throughout the season. A thank you goes out to all the University sports teams that we covered this year.



Maureen, Isabel, Cary, Ashley, Sara

organizations

Seven Org Queens



Charlotti, Angela, Megan, Jenny, Brandi

Once upon a time there were seven Orgs queens,
Together they made a really great team.
Two little queens wrote all the lines,
Doing grammar checks and word counts over 800 times.
One little queen took all the pics,
Of horse riders, breakdancers, and chicks with sticks.
One little queen managed the team,
Calling and emailing even in her dreams.
One little queen designed it all,
Despite computer angst, she had a ball.
One little queen graduated ahead of her time,
And one little queen didn't want to be in our rhyme.
Now our fairy tale draws to an end,
See you next year, sign up for pics again!

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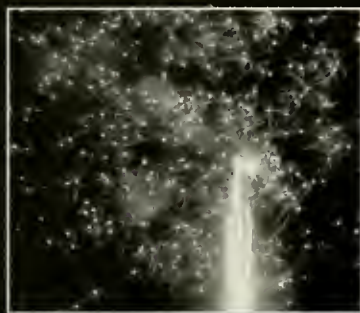
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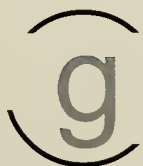
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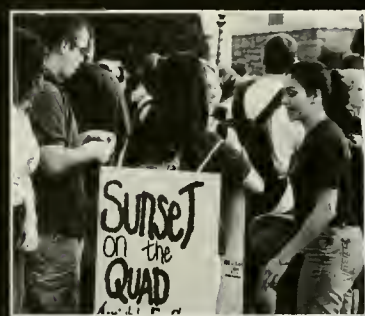
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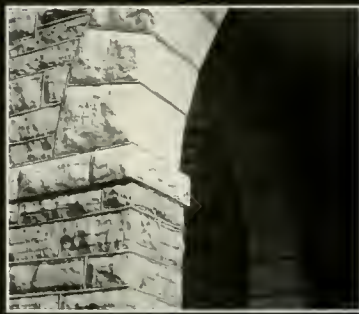
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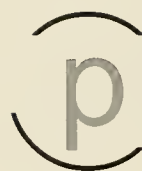


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